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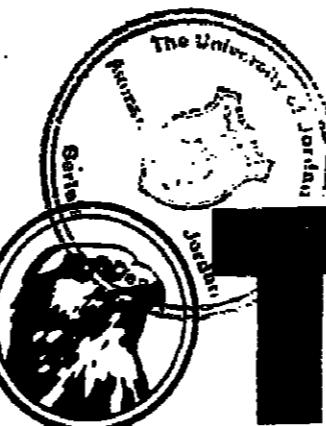
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Tehran forces on the retreat

## Iraq captures Iranian town

BAGHDAD, July 15. (Agencies): Iran reported a new troop withdrawal from northeast Iraq yesterday as Baghdad's forces tightened their grip on the southern front after occupying Dehloran, an Iranian border town.

Iraqi armour swept into Iran after smashing Iranian defensive lines dominating the strategic road linking Baghdad to the southern port of Basra, the Iraqi high command said.

The announcement of the victory at Dehloran on Wednesday came after Baghdad's forces seized 4,000 sq kms (1,540 sq miles) of Iranian territory during a battle to drive Iranian forces out of the Zubaidat area.

### Liberating

An Iraqi general said the Fifth Mechanised Division sped towards Dehloran after liberating Iraqi territory in the Zubaidat battle zone.

A member of the Iraqi high command, Lieutenant-General Nuri Faris Hussein, said on Baghdad television Iraqi forces would withdraw across the border within a few days.

He said Iraq had captured 90 tanks and 40 armoured personnel carriers during the assault.

State-run Baghdad Radio broke into regular programming to claim the fall of Haj Omran after a fierce battle between Iraq's 5th Army Corps and Iran's

### Revolutionary Guards.

The broadcast, quoted an unnamed military commander as saying: "The defeated civil charlatans escaped toward their territories, beyond the international borders."

Tehran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), said Iranian combatants in Haj Omran withdrew to "new defensive positions ... in compliance with the policy to find access to suitable tactics and a better war strategy."

"The evacuation of the region is for a more appropriate deployment of combat forces in other defensive lines," it said.

But Iran today reported its warplanes bombed the Haj Omran area.

IRNA also said Iranian fighter bombers pounded "Iraqi positions" at the Iranian southern border town of Mehran, an apparent reference to areas taken last month by Iraqi-backed Iranian anti-government guerrillas.

### Reverses

On Tuesday, Iran evacuated the Halabja plain south of Haj Omran and was driven out of the Zubaidat border area on the southern front, the latest in a series of battlefield reverses.

The latest pullout means Iran has given up almost all the Iraqi territory it occupied in the eight-year war.

Iranian military supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said on Wednesday the withdrawals

### Merger

"The regime's leading figures continue to disagree on the matter," the Mojahedin said in a statement.

Rafsanjani favours a merger of the elite Revolutionary Guards, an all-volunteer corps which adheres to Khomeini's unique brand of Islamic fundamentalism, with the conscript armed forces.

Rafsanjani said that while volunteers were useful in the short term, there was no substitute for conscript armies in the long term.

"In the short term there is no choice but to rely on volunteer

forces," he said. "However, they could not be counted upon as the main force ... and as a result ... in the new strategies the major emphasis is on regular forces."

Rivals President Ali Khamenei and Prime Minister Mir Hussein Musavi fear such a merger would place all power with Rafsanjani.

Deputy Prime Minister Alireza Moayeri rejected speculation yesterday that the retreats were a prelude to peace in the eight-year-old conflict.

He told Iranian television: "We are a powerful country of 52 million people. Iraq's population is at most 16 million."

Gulf-based military analysts said the Iranians were suffering from a shortage of qualified staff officers able to maintain the logistics needed to fight an effective war.

Iranian forces used chemical weapons in the continued bombing of Iraqi military targets in the As Sibah region, Iraq's UN delegate said in a letter to the United Nations published today.

Iraqi Ambassador Ismat Kitami said that on July 9 five persons were wounded by "one heavy artillery bomb with mustard gas."

In response to an Iraqi request, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar despatched a UN team to Baghdad last weekend to investigate charges that Iran employed chemical weapons in the nearly eight-year-old war.

Iraq has admitted using such weapons.

## Woman abandons baby on plane

REDWOOD CITY, California, July 15. (UPI): A mother who gave birth in a jetliner washroom and then abandoned the infant — which survived — in trash beneath the sink, pleaded innocent Thursday to felony child endangerment charges.

The eight-pound, nine-ounce girl survived the five-hour cross-country flight and was christened Elizabeth by the staff of the hospital near the airport, where she was taken after the jetliner touched down.

Christina Marie Locasto, 24, of New York City, surrendered to California authorities Thursday and was ordered held on \$30,000 bail by superior court judge Jack Massaya and to appear in court Aug. 9 for further proceedings.

### Infant

Locasto gave birth Wednesday in the lavatory of a United Airlines DC-10 before it left Newark, New Jersey and then flew on to San Francisco International Airport without telling her husband or authorities of the infant she had thrown in the trash, San Mateo county sheriff's deputies said.

She left the plane in San Francisco with her husband Louis, 26, and her two other children, three-year-old Jamie and an 18-month-old toddler. She left her newborn daughter aboard the aircraft, wrapped in bloody paper towels inside a small cabinet under the washroom sink, Lt. Mike Dow of the sheriff's said.

### Cries

A cabin cleaner, hearing the tiny wail's faint cries, found her an hour later while getting the aircraft ready for a flight to Chicago. The plane was taken out of service.

Prosecutor Steve Wagstaff said Louis Locasto, the woman's husband, would not be charged because "the evidence does not establish that the father had knowledge of the child's birth."

Several investigators said they were convinced Louis did not even know about the pregnancy.

## Kuwait-bound ship attacked near Farsi

MANAMA, July 15. (AP): A Liberian tanker was attacked by Iranian gunboats today after it strayed within five miles (eight kilometres) of Iran's military stronghold at Farsi island, but escaped with minor damage as an American warship raced to its aid.

The tanker, the 85,989-tonne Sea Victory, could not have depended on US assistance so close to the island, US officials said, because the Navy's "rules of engagement" allow intervention only in international waters. The United States recognizes a 12-nautical-mile limit around Farsi.

The latest incident occurred as the Sea Victory, bulk carrier was attacked by speedboats about five miles (eight kilometres) west of Farsi and issued a "Mayday" distress call.

The Robert G. Bradley, on patrol some 25 miles (40km) away, answered and headed toward the ship's reported location. By the time the two vessels met less than an hour later, the fire on Sea Victory had been extinguished and the ship was in no danger, the spokesman said.

"She went within five miles of Farsi and they came out to get her. She turned tail and ran straight out," he said. "(They) the Iranians) went back home and left her alone."

There was no involvement of US forces with the gunboats and no US helicopters entered territorial waters. We do not violate territorial waters of any country," the spokesman added.

between us and the Palestinian population," he said. "This struggle has gone on for years, and will continue for years. The real question is, at what level of violence will this struggle be conducted?"

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troops, security sources said.

Amjad Hawaja, 17, died in Mokassed Hospital in East Jerusalem on Wednesday night after suffering critical gunshot wounds in the chest during anti-Israeli protests in Nablus on Sunday night.

### Killed

. Samir A Sayeh, 16, died in Al Ittihad hospital in Nablus from stomach wounds after being injured by troops on Monday night, the sources said.

Their deaths brought to 231 the number of Palestinians who have been killed during a seven-month revolt in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Four Israelis have died.

News of the two latest deaths sparked fresh demonstrations in Nablus despite a curfew on the city, the largest in the West Bank.

One Palestinian was critically

## Kuwait will never succumb to aggression: Sheikh Saad

WASHINGTON, July 15. (Agencies): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has emphasised that Kuwait will never succumb to aggression, intimidation or acts of terrorism.

"As did our ancestors, we today stand together to reject aggression and reiterate our willingness to die in defence of Kuwait," Sheikh Saad said in an address during a dinner hosted last night for 600 Kuwaiti students studying in the US.

### Values

He said the dangers and threats Kuwait is facing necessitate that all Kuwaitis close ranks to protect their homeland "and not to allow any intruder or ill-willed person to infiltrate our ranks or undermine our national unity..."

Urging Kuwaiti students to follow the example of their forefathers, the Crown Prince said: "We are a peaceful people who would not seek to inflict evil on anyone. But we also are a people willing to die in defence of

our homeland and freedom. Thus were our forefathers, that's what we are today and what you will be in the future," he added.

Reminding Kuwaiti students of their country's traditions, Sheikh Saad called on them to be the best representatives of the values that Kuwait stands for.

He also warned them against copying alien habits and advised them to preserve their Arab and Islamic belonging and values.

Sheikh Saad appealed to the Senate to lift a ban on the sale of Maverick missiles to his Gulf nation, warning Kuwait might seek other suppliers — possibly Moscow — if spurned in Washington.

### Package

The Senate, by voice vote earlier this week, barred the sale of Maverick surface-to-air missiles to Kuwait as part of a \$1.9 billion arms package that includes 40 F-18 planes.

US and Kuwaiti officials have agreed the sale must be considered a package, and if the Maverick portion is not approved, the F-18 deal would

probably be cancelled by Kuwait in favour of aircraft from another country.

Sheikh Saad said he had asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to reconsider the ban on the sale.

President Reagan, after meeting with the Crown Prince Tuesday, vowed to push the sale forward, saying Kuwait is essential to US policy in the volatile region.

The Israeli government, backed up by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee lobbying group, opposes the sale of Mavericks to Kuwait.

### Invitation

US and Kuwaiti officials said they are exploring ways of getting around the Congressional ban, in the event the Senate does not reconsider.

One possibility would be a lease or buy-back arrangement in which the Maverick missiles would remain under US control, but would be available to Kuwaiti forces if faced by aggression from Iran.

The United States is currently



supplying naval protection to Kuwaiti oil tankers flying American flags and to some other vessels in the Gulf that have become a battleground in the Iran-Iraq war.

On Wednesday night, Sheikh Saad told the members of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee at the invitation of the chairman of the committee Senator Claiborne Pell.

During the one-hour closed session, Sheikh Saad responded to senators' questions concerning the situation in the Arabian Gulf region, the Iran-Iraq war, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Palestinian uprising, and (Continued on Page 4)

## F-18 deal inseparable: Osaimi

WASHINGTON, July 15. (KUNA): A ranking Kuwaiti official has stressed that the highly-disputed \$1.9 billion arms deal is inseparable, indicating that the Kuwaiti government will decide whether to go on with the deal if the Mavericks are excluded from it by the Congress.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saad Mohamed Al Osaimi, in an interview with Voice of America, said that he does not know whether Washington and Kuwait can work something out, "but what I know is that the F-18s and the (Maverick) missiles go hand-in-hand."

### Deals

Replying to a question on whether the recent arms deals with the Soviet Union and a possible one with the UK should serve as a warning to American legislators that there are other sources for arms, the Kuwaiti minister affirmed that his country has different sources for weapons, regardless of positions of these countries, noting, "diversification of sources of arms has been a fixed policy of the Kuwaiti government for a long time."

## 'Cut spending, keep generals in check'

KARACHI, July 15. (Reuters): Pakistan's defence spending should be cut and the armed forces reorganised to keep the generals in check, an opposition leader said today.

"One question that needs to be seriously examined is whether the captain of the USS Vincennes actually warned its target that it intended to shoot, or whether the ship took any other measure to make its intentions clear of its target," Velayati said.

"Or whether, as the case suggests, it simply decided to shoot on a target which was admittedly unidentified at the very least."

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Pakistan has had three martial law governments since independence in 1947, but Mazari said defence cuts would curb the tendency of generals to meddle in politics.

Defence spending is not officially disclosed, but economists estimate costs will rise 6.7 per cent in 1988/89 from about \$2.5 billion in 1987/88.

Mazari, releasing his party's election manifesto for polls due by Aug. 27, said a national volunteer force should be raised instead to defend the nation's borders.

## Reagan meets UN chief

WASHINGTON, July 15. (AP): President Reagan and United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar met today to discuss the world organisation's finances.

White House spokesman Marin Fitzwater said in comments before the two leaders' meeting that "the President will make our points that we need to hold down UN spending at a time when the US budget is under pressure," Fitzwater said.

## Israel admits it cannot control Palestinian will

TEL AVIV, July 15. (Agencies): Israel's Chief of Staff Dan Shomron said the Army was unable to control the will of Palestinians and that a revolt in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip could go on for years.

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wounded when troops fired tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition to break up the protests, the security sources said.

The overnight revenge raid on the West Bank town of Kalkilya came after a 12-year-old Jewish boy was wounded in the head when a big stone was thrown at his parents' car near Kalkilya on Wednesday night, the sources said.

Israeli troops confined more than 80,000 Palestinians to their homes in the occupied West Bank to halt violent protests over the killings of the teenagers by soldiers.

Meanwhile, an 18-year-old Arab, Ayman Taha, was wounded in the left leg today during a clash with soldiers in Gaza's Burq camp, a local reporter said.

In another development, the military administration said school year in the West Bank would end on July 21, with final exams likely starting on Saturday.

## INTERNATIONAL

Tensions flare in Soviet Armenia

# Strikers shut down airport

MOSCOW, July 15. (Reuter): Strikers infuriated by a Soviet Television portrayal of Armenians as hooligans shut down Yerevan airport today in a fresh challenge to authorities seeking to quell ethnic unrest.

A spokesman for the official Armenian news agency told Reuters from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, that airport workers had closed the facility in protest against the "one-sided" programme aired last night.

Soviet soldiers interviewed on the programme said they were battered by rocks and bottles when they moved into the airport to end a two-day blockade last week. A youth was shot dead and 36 people were seriously injured in airport clashes.

### Self-defence

"It was a one-sided, false programme aimed at discrediting the republic," the spokesman said. "The airport workers reacted negatively to that programme and in protest went on strike."

No Armenians were interviewed on the programme, which was aired after midnight by state television. One soldier, intervie-

wed in his hospital bed, described the July 4-5 airport blockade as "a well-organised provocation."

He and other troops alleged that the action, staged in protest over the Nagorno-Karabakh regional dispute, had been controlled by "hooligans" and the troops acted in self-defence.

At least 36 people have died in ethnic turmoil over Nagorno-Karabakh, the transcaucasian region which this week declared it was seceding from Azerbaijan to join Armenia. Most of its inhabitants are ethnic Armenians.

### Compromise

In Yerevan, Armenians have supported the region's stand through mass demonstrations and a general strike called on July 4. Some 200,000 people rallied in central Yerevan on Thursday.

"I expect today's demonstration to be even larger because of that programme," the Armenian spokesman said. He said the city centre was calm in the morning, with many factory employees going to work.

It was not immediately clear whether troops would be sent

back to the airport. Troops were deployed in Yerevan twice last week and then pulled back to the capital's outskirts.

The spokesman said he did not know whether the Armenian delegation to a meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, due to discuss the Nagorno-Karabakh crisis on Monday, had managed to leave for Moscow by plane as scheduled today.

### Events

He said some speakers at the Thursday rally indicated they would accept a proposed compromise solution under which Nagorno-Karabakh would be transferred to central Soviet control pending its joining Armenia at a later date.

Last week airport workers disagreed over Yerevan's general strike, but demonstrators from the city centre invaded the airport and prevented planes from landing or taking off.

The blockade was ended when troops forcibly evicted the demonstrators. Khachik Zakaryan, 22, was killed by a plastic bullet and 96 people needed medical treatment.

"There would have been no incidents at the airport if the demonstrators had not been provoked," the Armenian spokesman said. He accused state television of distorting the news.

In the television documentary, called "on events in Yerevan," the cameras panned over a collection of knives, iron bars and chains as soldiers said they were attacked.

"We had orders to clear the airport," a uniformed officer trainee said. "Women were throwing bottles at us. The mood was extremely aggressive."

The troops, one of whom had a bandage round his head, made no mention of their use of plastic bullets.

When told by the commentator of Armenian claims that the troops stormed the airport with just three minutes' warning, they replied that announcements preceded their arrival.

A major read the text of a warning, which he said was broadcast by loudspeakers, describing the airport blockade as an "anti-state, anti-constitutional" action.

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Carlos Salinas de Gortari celebrates his triumph in the election with his wife and daughter in his Mexico City home. (Reuter wirephoto)

## France celebrates Bastille Day

PARIS, July 15. (AP): France on Thursday celebrated the 199th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille, and President Francois Mitterrand announced he was inviting leaders of both rich and poor nations to next year's bicentennial of the French revolution.

Tens of thousands of people, celebrating the national holiday, lined the Champs Elysees to watch the traditional grandiose July 14 military parade.

Planes trailing exhaust in the blue, white and red of the French tricolour sweep low over Paris to open the parade of some 6,000 men, 120 aircraft, 500 land vehicles and 300 members of the cavalry.

Mitterrand reviewed the troops at the Arch of Triumph, now draped in tricolour to hide renovation work, then moved down the avenue to the reviewing stand at the Place De la Concorde.

The parade's theme, tradition and technology, was played out as 12 mirage 2000 Ns, designed to carry nuclear missiles, made their first public appearance in a sweep over the Champs Elysees, as foreign legionaries with white kepis and the republican guard with feathered brass helmets strutted below.

### Guests

More than 4,000 invited guests attended a garden party at the presidential Elysee Palace, where from a back lawn Mitterrand gave a televised interview, his eighth such July 14 interview since coming to power in 1981.

A massive fireworks display designed to call in the year of the bicentennial was planned last night at the Palais de Chaillot, facing the Eiffel Tower across the Seine River.

The storming of the ancient Bastille prison on July 14, 1789, where just seven prisoners were held, triggered the fall of the monarchy and the proclamation of the republic three years later.

## Dukakis and Jackson likely to reconcile before convention

WASHINGTON, July 15. (AP): Democratic nominee-to-be, George Bush, took advantage of his status as Vice President, went to the United Nations to defend US actions surrounding the downing of an Iranian airliner.

Dukakis, the Governor of Massachusetts, was spending the day focusing on state government business. He avoided public questioning on Jackson yesterday, but repeated in a CBS News interview that he had apologized to Jackson for failing to reach him before news spread of Bentsen's selection.

"Four days before the Democratic national convention opens in Atlanta, Jackson threatened challenges until the final convention session and remained indignant over the handling of Dukakis' selection of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen as his running mate.

But he also spoke of reconciliation.

"We hope in the next three or four days that matters will be resolved," said Jackson, who was the major parties' only black candidate and Dukakis' closest rival for the nomination.

"Jesse and I have had a good relations over the past couple of months and that's going to continue," Dukakis said.

Jackson insisted he was not simply angered about learning of Bentsen's choice from a reporter's question, although he did

not spell out what his complaints are in detail.

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## Warsaw Pact leaders focus on new arms cut

WARSAW, July 15. (UPI): Leaders of the seven Warsaw Pact states opened a two-day summit today focussing on new proposals by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for conventional arms cut in Europe.

There was speculation the two-day meeting of the political consultative council — the highest decision-making body of the Warsaw Pact — may also announce a token pullout of Soviet troops from an East bloc country, perhaps Hungary or East Germany.

The Polish Communist Party daily *Tribuna Ludu* noted the conference is the first since the Moscow summit of Gorbachev and President Reagan "which confirmed the permanence of the Soviet-American dialogue and supporting hopes for further disarmament steps."

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The possible pullout of Soviet troops was prompted by several developments in the last week in East European capitals.

In a speech to the Sejm on Monday, Gorbachev suggested the convening of a pan-European summit — plus the

leaders of the United States and Canada — to tackle the problem of arms reductions in Europe.

He also suggested that the Soviet Union would withdraw its Air Forces from advanced bases in Eastern Europe if the United States would not move a wing of F-16 fighter-bombers from Spain to Italy.

### Proposals

Comments today in the communist-controlled newspapers and news agencies in Eastern Europe emphasised the two Gorbachev proposals.

"It is a meaningful aim at building up confidence, strengthening security in Europe and continuation of the disarmament process," East Germany leader Erich Honecker said in an interview for *Neues Deutschland* before his arrival in the Polish capital.

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## Dutch prime minister to visit Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 15. (UPI): Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers, the first foreign head of government to visit Israel since the Arab uprising began, will relay his government's criticism of Israel's handling of the rebellion, a Dutch official said today.

"The uprising will certainly be an important topic of discussion during the Prime Minister's visit. He will relay the concerns of the Dutch people and listen very carefully to Israeli leaders," Dutch Ambassador Jan Van Roijen said in an interview.

Van Roijen said the three-day visit, which begins Sunday, was initially planned in October to mark Israel's 40th anniversary but Lubbers delayed it for several months because of the unrest.

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Deng Xiaoping (right) greets Shultz (left) at the beginning of their meeting at the Great Hall of the People. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Helicopter crash kills 7 Indians

Srinagar, July 15. (UPI): A helicopter ran into thick clouds near a mountaintop Hindu shrine and crashed Thursday, killing all seven passengers, including five pilgrims and two crew members, officials said.

The Pawan Hans helicopter, carrying the pilgrims from Jammu to the Vaishno Devi shrine in northern Jammu and Kashmir state, apparently went out of control in a heavy rain-storm and thick clouds and crashed near Katra town, 550 km north of Delhi, they said.

Police said they had recovered the mutilated bodies of the five pilgrims and were searching for the two crew members, believed dead, on the regularly scheduled flight to the famous temple dedicated to the three mother goddesses of Hinduism.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, expressing his "profound shock and grief" over the crash, said the helicopter was piloted by "very experienced pilot" and had been "very useful" in helping religious pilgrims reach the mountaintop shrine, the Press Trust of India said.

Thousands of pilgrims each year visit the Vaishno Devi Shrine, located in a cave, after making the 12km climb from Katra.

## Rajiv signs Yugoslav accords

BELGRADE, July 15. (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi signed accords on Thursday with Yugoslavia on technology, information and sports cooperation, and agreed to revive dormant tripartite economic cooperation with Yugoslavia and Egypt.

Rajiv, on the second day of his first official visit to Yugoslavia, also addressed parliament in a speech reaffirming his recent disarmament initiatives.

The accords aim to boost India's cooperation with Yugoslavia in line with Rajiv's drive to revitalise the Non-Aligned Movement, of which both countries, as well as Egypt, are founding members.

In talks with Yugoslav Prime Minister Branko Mikolic on Wednesday and Thursday, they agreed that the Non-Aligned Movement should "direct its potentials towards solving major international economic problems" of developing countries, officials said.

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## Sino-US ties improved under Reagan: Deng

BEIJING, July 15. (Reuters): Senior Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping said today that Sino-American relations had improved steadily during the tenure of President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz.

As he began talks with Shultz in the Great Hall of the People, Deng noted, however, that problems still existed and said both sides must continue to work at building the ties.

"I agree with what you said, that is, during the term of office of President Reagan and during your tenure as Secretary of State, Sino-US relations have developed quite steadily," Deng Said.

"There is a need for the (continued) development of Sino-US relations... I think that we should both place these developments on a higher plane," he added.

Shultz, on an 18-day trip to Asia, assured Deng there was strong bipartisan support in the United States for a policy of improving ties with China that would continue regardless of who succeeds Reagan in the November election.

Deng, who turns 84 next month, shook hands with Shultz and his top aides as they arrived for the meeting, then started everyone by impishly approaching one of Shultz's security agents

and shaking his hands as well.

The agent, Bill Ziegler, normally is stony-faced as his eyes scan for potential trouble but he blushed and erupted into hearty laughter at the Chinese leader's impromptu gesture.

Shultz, on the second and final day of his Beijing visit, was expected to discuss with Deng potential sales by China of new ballistic missile systems to the Middle East, efforts to negotiate peace in Kampuchea, tensions on the Korean peninsula and the transfer of Western technology to China.

A senior US official said the Chinese had told Shultz yesterday they would consider an American proposal to hold talks on curbing the spread of ballistic missiles.

US officials have said the Middle East is ripe with unconfirmed reports that China, eager to obtain hard currency to underwrite its own military modernisation, is marketing shorter-range ballistic missiles that could hit all capitals in the region and some European cities as well.

Potential clients are said to be Syria, Iran, Libya and Pakistan.

Shultz, in public statements and private talks with Chinese officials, has argued that it is not in China's interest to sell arms that could destabilise the Middle East.

JAMALUDDIN was jailed in 1962 for his part in a failed rebellion sparked when the Brunei People's Party won a sweeping general election victory but was prevented from taking office when the sultan at the time, Omar Ali Saifuddin, refused to share power.

Jamaluddin escaped from jail in 1973 and fled abroad. He returned last year.

Political sources said the detainees formed part of a small group of dissidents who had sought democratic reforms in Brunei.

## Brunei frees detainees

KAULU LUMPUR, July 15. (Reuters): Brunei on Thursday released 34 potential detainees, including a leader of an abortive 1962 uprising.

A government statement said Awang Abdul Samad Jamaluddin, former secretary-general of the now defunct Brunei People's Party, and 33 former students were arrested in the past 11 months upon their return to Brunei from years of exile.

They were released after investigations into their past activities were completed, the statement said.

## S. Korean workers protest Iraqi raid

SEOUL, July 15. (Reuters): Six hundred South Korean workers staged a noisy demonstration outside the Iraqi consulate-general in Seoul on Thursday to protest against a recent air raid on an Iranian plant that employed Koreans.

The attack by Iraqi planes killed 12 and wounded nearly 50 employees of South Korea's Daelim Industrial Company engaged in the building of an Iranian oil refinery on the mainland near Lavan Island in the southern Gulf on June 30.

Daelim agreed on Wednesday to pay 190 million won (\$261,700) compensation to each of the families of the dead workers and provide schooling and other benefits for dependents.

Newspapers said it was the biggest such compensation ever awarded in South Korea. Daelim has been accused of negligence in the incident for failing to protect the workers.

The (North) Korean Central News Agency, in a report monitored in Tokyo today, quoted Hanoi's education chief Pyong Yong Rip as chiding the South "for having refused to receive our letters (to South Korean students) three times... and (pledges) to interfere no more in the talks between the students of the North and the South."

North Korea also said governments should leave such student exchanges to students.

### Vists

Daelim has yet to settle compensation and other payments to the surviving workers, including 49 who were injured in the raid.

A total of 303 surviving Korean workers, including the injured, were evacuated to Seoul last week. Daelim suspended the project, which was devastated by the air raid.

In another development,

## 20 die as Afghan war escalates

## Rebels rain rockets on Kabul

MOSCOW, July 15. (AP): Afghan rebels blasted the capital city of Kabul with more than 20 rockets this morning, killing 20 people and wounding 34 others, the state-run Tass news agency reported from Afghanistan.

Tass said the "barbaric action" had also caused damage but gave no further details in its two-sentence dispatch.

The attack by rebels fighting the Moscow-backed government of Afghan President Najib was the latest on a major population centre in Afghanistan reported by Soviet media. On Sunday, Tass said fighting had dramatically worsened in the country as Soviet troops continued their withdrawal.

More than 150 civilians were reportedly killed last weekend when the mujahedeen insurgents used artillery and rockets to shell populated areas in more than eight provinces, Tass reported at the time.

On July 8, a car bomb packed with explosives blew up near a downtown movie theatre in the eastern city of Jalalabad, killing 31 people and badly injuring 33 others, Soviet and Afghan media said.

The Soviets, who sent tanks

and troops into Afghanistan in December 1979, agreed in April to pull out their more than 100,000 soldiers over a 10-month period, beginning May 15. Half of the troops are to be back home by August.

However, Soviet officials repeatedly have accused Pakistan of violating the accords signed April 14 in Geneva. The commander of Soviet forces in Afghanistan, Lt Gen Boris Gromov, has said the violations could force his country to reconsider the withdrawal timetable.

The Soviets say Pakistan is allowing its territory to be used to supply the rebels with weapons and ammunition and serve as the base of a rival Afghan government.

### Regret

Meanwhile, the head of an Afghan guerrilla alliance said on Thursday he regretted that rebel commanders had refused to meet UN envoy Diego Cordovez to discuss a United Nations peace plan for Afghanistan.

Syed Ahmad Gailani said his National Islamic Front wanted to speak to Cordovez when he was in the Pakistan capital last week but had been overruled by a majority in the seven-party

alliance.

"Mr Cordovez is a vehicle. He brings ideas and he should take ideas from us too," he said at a news conference. "There is no harm in talking to Mr Cordovez."

During visits to Tehran, Islamabad and Kabul, Cordovez actively promoted a plan for a truce in the war and creation of a neutral administration in Kabul of impartial Afghans.

### Government

He envisaged the Soviet-backed government in Kabul and the Afghan resistance groups voluntarily standing aside while the neutral government called a traditional grand assembly of prominent Afghans to work out a permanent political solution.

The alliance rejected the plan, Gailani told reporters, but his group believed a neutral government was an interesting proposition.

However, he stuck to the alliance line that there could be no role in Afghanistan for President Najibullah and his ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

"We clearly have said that our party should be open to

everybody but not to people with blood on their hands," he said.

He said also that guerrilla forces fighting inside Afghanistan would be reluctant to lay down their arms until they had seen a neutral government in action.

Political analysts and diplomats say there are deep alliance divisions between groups seeking a fundamentalist Islamic state and orders like Gailani who would like to see a return of the old order and perhaps a role for the exiled Afghan king, Zahir Shah.

An example, they say, is a majority decision of the alliance on Wednesday to signal their readiness to negotiate with the Soviet Union over prisoners of war.

A week ago, the hardline leader of the Hezb-e-Islami group, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, clearly stated there could be no negotiations until all Soviet troops were out of Afghanistan.

On Wednesday, the alliance said it was ready to talk on humanitarian grounds, but at his news conference, Gailani declined to give any details of how many Soviet prisoners the guerrilla groups were holding or where.

## Top aide of Arafat invited to US

BAGHDAD, July 15. (AP): Bassem Abu Sharif, the PLO spokesman who called recently for direct negotiations with Israel, announced he has been invited to the United States by two non-governmental institutions to discuss Arab-Israeli peace.

But Abu Sharif, an advisor to Palestine Liberation Organisation chief Yasser Arafat, said he was "prepared to visit Washington to elaborate further on my paper," but admitted that the State Department has not yet agreed to grant him a visa.

In an interview with the Associated Press in Baghdad, Abu Sharif said the invitations came from the Washington-based Brookings Institution and the National Press Club.

The Brookings Institution, a non-governmental outfit, is a liberal think-tank that deals in economic and foreign policy issues. The National Press Club, also based in Washington, groups scores of journalists both American and non-American.

Abu Sharif, a writer and former journalist, caused an uproar in radical Arab circles last month when he published a signed article in the London-based newsletter Mideast Mirror calling for direct PLO-Israeli negotiations under a UN-sponsored international peace conference.

Radicals viewed his declaration as an implicit recognition of the state of Israel.

Both Israel and the United States have refused to deal directly with the PLO and Washington has said it would review this stand if the PLO first recognised the Jewish state.

The PLO had insisted on simultaneous, mutual recognition.

American and Israeli officials have responded favourably to Abu Sharif's article, but demanded that it be endorsed by higher authority, namely Arafat.

## Palestinian jailed in Greece

ATHENS, July 15. (Reuters): A Palestinian hijack suspect, whose detention in Greece may have prompted a bloody attack on a tourist ship, was sentenced to seven months in jail on Thursday for entering the country with a false passport.

A court handed down the sentence on Mohammed Rashid, 34, who is wanted by the United States for a bomb attack on a Pan American airlines plane in 1982 which killed one person.

Greek police have been investigating the possibility that a guerrilla assault on a Greek tourist ship on Monday was staged to blackmail authorities into releasing Rashid.

Nine people were killed and 80 wounded when guerrillas opened fire with sub-machine guns and threw grenades on the pleasure boat city of Poros as it neared Athens.

Lawyers for Rashid said they would appeal against the verdict and that he would stay in prison pending the appeal. Greek officials have said they are studying an American request for extradition.

Rashid is also suspected of involvement in a bomb attack on a Trans World Airlines plane over Greece in 1986 which killed four people.

Rashid told the court: "I am a fighter for a group that belongs to the PLO. My struggle is confined to the occupied lands."

## Lebanese gunman captured in Bonn

## Libyan embassy siege ends

tured Edelbi.

Police negotiated with Edelbi for nearly 12 hours.

Fischer's team was able to watch Edelbi by making use of a video camera that is a normal part of security on the first-floor of the Libyan embassy.

Finally, he just fell asleep from exhaustion," said Fischer.

Police said they did not know where Edelbi got the pistol.

Edelbi was taken to a local hospital for examination, officials said.

Police spokesman Hans Georg Clasen said he assumed new charges would be brought against Edelbi but that he did not know what they would be.

A team of police officers negotiated with the gunman for almost 12 hours by telephone as well as through a metal-barred

door at the entrance to the structure.

In the face-to-face negotiations, the gunman had kept himself at a distance of about three metres to avoid being grabbed by police officers on the other side of the door, Clasen said.

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Claassen said Edelbi was born in Beirut. But he said Bonn police did not know how long Edelbi had lived in West Germany, whether he had any relatives in this country or know any other details about the man other than his prison record.

Edelbi had been at the prison in Goettingen for about 18 months, Clasen said.

Shortly after the standoff ended, heavily armed police officers wearing combat gear had climbed through a second-story window into the embassy, known as the Libyan People's Bureau.

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HH the Crown Prince shaking hands with Kuwaitis, who welcomed him on his arrival in Washington.

## 'Kuwait will never succumb to aggression'

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explained Kuwait's reasons for seeking the arms from the US.

Sheikh Saad yesterday met for over an hour with members of the House Foreign Relations Committee and discussed a wide variety of issues including the proposed arms purchase deal.

### Escort

The reflagging operation and the escort by the US and other countries' navies, were also reviewed.

A member of the House committee, Representative Rose Oakar, said after the meeting that the Crown Prince presented clearly and frankly Kuwait's position on the various issues raised.

Asked if it were her impression that a compromise might be worked out, Oakar said she believed that Kuwait was clear in its message that the arms deal has to go as a package or else it will not be interested.

On Wednesday Sheikh Saad was asked at a press conference why Kuwait had chosen the F-18 fighter plane rather than the F-16. The Crown Prince said skilled Kuwaiti pilots had tested all kinds of planes manufactured in the US, Britain, France and other countries but had submitted their recommendation that they found the range of the F-18 and its manoeuvrability to be most suitable for Kuwait's air arms purchase policies.

Sheikh Saad also met the editors and correspondents of the American television news network ABC yesterday.

## Kuwaitis taking part in children's festival

SOFIA, July 15, (KUNA): Several Kuwaiti children, aged between 10 and 13, are taking part in the Fourth Banner of Peace International Children's Assembly in Sofia.

They recently performed at the review of children's musical creativity, demonstrating Kuwait's folk music. They also took part in the drawing on asphalt competition.

The criteria for selection of the children were: talent and capability to present Kuwait's culture.

"The children have every opportunity to make their mark at this major public and cultural event. They had some problems

defence needs. And the government adopted their recommendation, he said.

### Futile

Sheikh Saad also let slip word that US Secretary of State George Shultz is planning another trip to the Middle East.

Shultz has travelled to the area five times so far this year in a futile effort to put together direct Arab-Israeli talks leading to Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Crown Prince, saying that Shultz plans to travel to Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Saudi Arabia, also invited Shultz to come to Kuwait. He did not give a date for the Shultz trip, but State Department officials said the most likely time would be September or early October.

Sheikh Saad met the publisher of the Washington Post, Katherine Graham and the paper's editors on Wednesday.

Sheikh Saad outlined the position of Kuwait and the Arab countries on a wide range of issues, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, the rights of the Palestinians and the meaning of the intifada, the Iran-Iraq war, the reflagging process and Kuwait's arms purchase policies.

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before they got used to the new conditions, but they soon coped with that, said Hussein Abdullah Al Musalem, the leader of the group.

"They have every chance to enjoy themselves and to have fun. After the programme in Sofia, they will travel together with other groups to the city of Varna on the Black Sea," he said.

Hussein holds a doctorate in dramatic art from the US. His interests lie in children's creativity. He is the head of the theatre section at the Ministry of Education and teaches at the Higher Institute of Dramatic Art in Kuwait.

The island's water supply is already stretched to its limit and rationing has been introduced in some areas.

## New Iranian offshore platform will be able to co-ordinate attacks

WASHINGTON, July 15, (Agencies): Iran is preparing to put a large offshore platform near the Strait of Hormuz capable of co-ordinating sea and air attacks on US Navy ships, a television news report has said.

The ABC television network said the platform will also be able to refuel helicopter gunships and patrol boats and will be in position to monitor electronically the southern Gulf.

Iran has instructed an independent contractor at an undisclosed remote Arab Gulf port to remove an oil drilling floor and derrick from the platform and install a second helicopter landing pad and a satellite communications system, the report said.

It said the contractor has also been instructed to install two storage tanks on deck for aviation or marine fuel.

Iran told the contractor the platform will only be a support base for commercial tankers but has ordered armoured plating on parts of the rig, ABC said.

It said the work is to be completed in 45 days, and the platform is then to be stationed next to incoming sea lanes into the Gulf near the Strait of Hormuz. Shipping executives in the Gulf, quoted Iranian officials as saying the platform will become an administrative base for Iran's fleet of oil shuttle tankers, serving the Larak island export ter-

minal in the Strait of Hormuz.

But some shipping industry experts say it also could be intended for military purposes, including the electronic monitoring of shipping traffic and warships travelling through the Hormuz chokepoint, where many of Iran's attacks on neutral shipping occur.

"What happens after the Iranians get it is between them and God," said one executive, who is in close touch with the company working on the platform.

Iran has used standard drilling rigs as military communications bases in the past, according to US officials. Three have been destroyed or damaged in attacks by American warships — one last October and two more on April 18 of this year.

The attacks in each case were in retaliation for Iranian military actions against American-related ships and aircraft in the Gulf, US officials said.

The ABC reported that the new triangular-shaped rig will give a huge boost to Iranian military capacity in the Gulf.

"When platform 135G is deployed, Iran, for the first time, will have an offshore base capable of co-ordinating sea and airborne attacks upon the US Navy. It will also... have the capacity to refuel helicopter gunships and patrol boats," ABC said.

It will be moored at the outer limits of the range of Iraqi fighter

jets.

The shipping executives said the platform was towed to the Gulf six weeks ago from the coast of Africa, where it had served as a drilling rig of the Texas-based Southeastern Drilling Co., known as SEDCO.

It was then stripped of the drilling gear, and work began on plating the decks with reinforced steel. With that done, they said, work is now underway on accommodation quarters for 200 people.

Some shipping industry officials expressed scepticism that the platform was for military use.

"The term armour-plated is exaggerated, they are reinforcing it with steel, but they are not turning it into a tank," said one. He added that the Iranians probably would arm it with anti-aircraft guns, as they have other oil platforms in the Gulf.

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- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Headchiff: Cartoons
- 6.30 3-2-1 Contact: homo sapiens communicate with each other by means of language. A look at various means of communications.
- 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islamic philosophy, hosted by Arafat Al Ashi.
- 7.30 Valerie: "Of Human Bondage". Valerie is the peacemaker for her two warring sons.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.25 The Flying Doctors: "Eye of the Beholder". A fund-raiser is organised in aid of a medical charity and the beauty contest draws many contestants... Starring: Liz Burch and Andrew McFarlane.
- 9.30 My Two Dads: "Friends and Lovers". Michael's girlfriend envies Nicole and leaves home...
- 10.00 Hilary's World of Adventure: a group of adventurers go diving to photograph sharks in their natural habitat.
- 10.30 Best-Seller: "A Perfect Spy". Part Two of best-sellers, based on John Le Carre's novel. Pyramids finds out the truth about his father...
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## TUESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Risika: Cartoon series
- 6.30 Chocky: Mathew Gore is in tears after Chocky plays down the importance of a brand new car.
- 7.00 The Australis Ark: "Life and Death on a Greater Barrier Reef."
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law: local programme
- 8.50 Magnum: "Murder by Night". Magnum is investigating the murderer of a publisher. Starring: Tom Selleck.
- 9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series about aviation.
- 10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Beautiful Dreamer". Balki has a sleepless night but Larry wants to rest... comedy.
- 10.30 Movie Night: "No Limit". Black and white feature film, starring

## MONDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Galtar: cartoons
- 6.30 The Craft of the Potter: "Decorating", the delicate craft of the potter is further examined in this documentary.
- 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
- 7.30 The Duck Factory: the "Duck" loses its voice when the actor who lends his voice disappears...another crisis at the duck factory.
- 8.00 News in English
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## Thought for today

If a woman once makes up her mind to marry a man, nothing but instant flight can save him — W. Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1965).

### Kampuchean leader's resignation

## Sihanouk puzzles friends and foes

By Paul Wedel

BANGKOK. (UPI): Kampuchean resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk has once again confounded his enemies and confused his friends.

Just when all seemed set for Sihanouk to lead his coalition into long-awaited informal peace talks with Vietnam and its Phnom Penh client regime, the Prince abruptly resigned Monday as president of the three-party resistance coalition and retreated to Paris.

The resignation stunned and puzzled diplomats, including Secretary of State George Shultz, who only days earlier gave Sihanouk full backing as the key figure in a political settlement to the nine-year-old Kampuchean conflict.

When Sihanouk left Bangkok the reasons for his resignation were murky but by the time he arrived in Paris Tuesday morning, the target was clearly the Khmer Rouge, who are blamed for the deaths of one to two million Kampuchean during their 1975-79 rule and are ostensibly his partners in the resistance coalition.

"The Khmer Rouge, instead of attacking the Vietnamese who are leaving certain parts in Kampuchea, are turning against the (Sihanouk loyalists), and they are beginning to liquidate Sihanoukism," the prince told reporters.

### Ally

The inscrutable Sihanouk, who seems to have more political lives than the proverbial cat, was a strong US ally in the 1960s and turned his cheek to US bombing during the Vietnam war. He was ousted in a US-supported coup in 1970, but with the Khmer Rouge victory in 1975, he returned to a short-lived triumph in Phnom Penh before being shunted aside. After years of exile in China, Sihanouk has once again been embraced by Washington as his key to a Kampuchean settlement.

It would be hard to find an analyst who expects that Sihanouk's resignation — not his first — will be his last word in the mysterious world of Kampuchean politics.

## Airbus fiasco has implications for SDI

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON. (Reuter): The US Navy's downing of an Iranian Airbus has spotlighted what some experts say is a pervasive US military problem — heavy reliance on fallible computers to warn of attacks and tell friend from foe.

It is a problem, they say, that afflicts not only warships like the high-tech cruiser Vincennes — whose captain said he hit the Airbus thinking it was a warplane — but America's vital nuclear early warning system as well.

Defence scientists say computer weaknesses are also likely to hamstring the "Star Wars" anti-missile programme and a proposed "deep strike" system that could in theory stop Soviet tanks with robot-guided non-nuclear munitions.

"In the fog of war, these systems come unglued," said a Pentagon arms expert.

Many private defence analysts share this view, but most Defence Department officials are much more enthusiastic about high-tech systems. Navy officials stand squarely behind the Vincennes' costly computerised Aegis combat system.

### Blasted

On July 3, Vincennes, mistaking the Airbus for a much smaller Iranian F-14, blasted it with two missiles. All 290 people on board died. Washington has promised compensation.

The Navy is probing the incident, investigating evidence that the Airbus had emitted a military identification signal, confusing Vincennes. Also at issue are reports from two nearby US warships that the plane was flying a steady course, not descending as if to attack as Vincennes claimed.

Aegis, named after the infallible shield carried by the Greek God Zeus, had been the pride of the Navy's surface fleet.

## South African black leader turns 70

# Mandela gaining stature during years in jail

By David Crary

JOHANNESBURG. South Africa, (AP): Rock 'n' Roll stars perform in his honour. Archbishop Desmond Tutu calls him "my leader." Publishing his picture is illegal in South Africa, but even toddlers chant his name.

Nelson Mandela, who turns 70 on Monday (July 18), is probably the world's most influential prisoner. Although jailed since 1962, he is the most admired leader among South African blacks, seen by many as the embodiment of their quest for political freedom.

### Foe

His birthday, celebrated by protest marches and rock concerts overseas, has reminded the government of the legions of people worldwide who want him released. Blacks spanning South Africa's ideological spectrum, as well as many whites, say no political breakthrough can occur while Mandela is behind bars.

"Nothing the South African government can do will gain credibility while it treats Dr Mandela as a dangerous enemy," said Zulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi in a recent

speech. "Black South Africa will not rest until he is free."

Buthelezi is a bitter foe of the African National Congress, the outlawed guerrilla movement which Mandela led from underground prior to his imprisonment. But Buthelezi, like other blacks who oppose the ANC's strategy of violence, sets Mandela apart and discusses him with deep respect.

President P.W. Botha's government has toyed with the idea of freeing Mandela, and several times in recent years there were flurries of speculation that his release was imminent. One such period came last November when authorities freed Govan Mbeki, one of seven ANC leaders sentenced along with Mandela to life prison terms in 1964 for plotting a sabotage campaign aimed at overthrowing white-minority rule.

The speculation was swiftly dampened when police imposed severe restrictions on Mbeki. Since then, government officials have indicated Mandela's release is unlikely unless he publicly renounces violence — a condition he rejects unless the ANC is unbanned and apartheid is dismantled.

Aubrey Mokoena, an activist closely associated with the Mandela family, said Mandela "has grown in stature and charisma" during his imprisonment.

"He towers over the broad apparatus of apartheid," Mokoena said last week. "The Botha regime is completely dwarfed."

When convicted for sabotage, Mandela already had served two years in prison, having received a five-year sentence in 1962 for incitement and leaving the country illegally.

Mandela spent the first 18 years of his life sentence on Robben Island in Cape Town's Table Bay. He was transferred in 1982

to Pollsmoor prison in Cape Town, where he is reported in good physical and mental health.

He reads uncensored newspapers and is expected to earn an advanced law degree later this year through correspondence courses. He was a practicing lawyer before he went underground and has been awarded honorary doctorates from various universities during his imprisonment.

### Struggle

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By Robert Hall

FOR years, singing superstar Annie Lennox has been the woman of rock ... outrageously changing her image from gender-bender to sex siren. And how it has worked!

As the distinctive voice and several faces behind the successful pop group Eurythmics, she has watched her records sell in millions and her concerts sell out in hours. Along with David Bowie, she has become one of pop's masters of disguise.

In the video which accompanied the hit record, Who's That Girl? Annie played both male and female leads. In another, she made a quick change from blonde to buxom by whipping off a wig. America's moral majority dubbed her a transvestite, while newspapers labelled her the Queen of Gender-bending.

But now all that is changing. The prospect of motherhood it seems is taming the once wild girl of the charts.

Annie is pregnant with filmmaker Uri Fruchtmann's child, which is due in December, and the brazen, tempestuous look has gone. She is still wearing leather trousers and jackets but the realisation that she is to be a mum has softened her.

#### Doubts

Now her concerts — she intends to keep performing for as long as she can before the birth — are about making music rather than headlines. The baby has also put an end, once and for all, to the doubts that existed about her sexuality.

Speculation began in American minds after they saw the band's video for its first hit single, Love is a Stranger, in 1982. The promotional film featured Annie's wig scene in which she showed her carrot-coloured crew cut, and was swiftly banned.

But the controversy didn't stop the Eurythmics, a musical partnership formed with her former lover Dave Stewart, from conquering America, along with most of the other countries in the world, when the group released its next single, Sweet Dreams.

The song signalled the beginning of a series of successful records, including Right By Your Side and Sexcrime, which shows no sign of coming to an end.

## Will motherhood tame Lennox?

These days, however, her hair is still short — but not severely so — and she's not often seen in men's clothes.

"When I was a child I had a lot of fantasies," she explains. "Being in the Eurythmics is like living them all." The wigs, the videos, even seeing myself on magazine covers — it's like a dream in many ways.

"So much was made of my masculinity — the press kept talking about it — that I just thought I'd take it to extremes, play with it a bit. Dressing up as a man wasn't enough — I had to BE a man. I thought it would be like mud in the eye for a lot of people."

"I like looking different all the time, playing with make-up and clothes. But now I think I can be myself more and not worry what others say about me. I used to take things so much to heart."

#### Change

Motherhood has certainly done a lot to change Annie. But the first signs of a turnabout in her life came with her sudden and short-lived marriage to German Hindu devotee, Radha Raman. The decision to wed shocked even Annie.

She explains: "It was just something that came about. I didn't even know that I was going to get married. I hadn't thought of it as something to bring me security. There was something very nice and stabilising about it, but I didn't do it to achieve stability."

Annie met Radha backstage when he was brought along to a Eurythmics concert by a friend. They were married in a matter of months. "I consulted my parents about it and they didn't want me to go ahead with it," she recalls.

"I'd rather not talk about what went wrong, it's too personal, too close to the bone. But my mother and father were completely freaked out about it. Dave was very much like that, too."

"I'd be happy to talk about — but it would end up in every paper if I did. That's why I was secretive about getting married in the first place. With it being so fast, so unorthodox — I knew the press would go nuts about it."

As well as a flat in London,

Annie now owns a house in Switzerland. It's situated on the Italian border, not far from a Hare Krishna farm community. "I did move there because of that and its closeness to my husband," she admits. "But I also wanted a place in Europe that had some sun."

"It's the sort of place I'll go maybe one month a year — when it's hot. The house is on a mountain. It's very beautiful and has a nice view — but after I've been there for a week, I'm bored. I've got to get away. Maybe when I'm a bit older, and making pots or breeding chickens, I'll spend a bit more time there."

#### Hated

Annie Lennox was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Christmas Day 32 years ago. She was the only daughter of a working-class family who didn't want their child to end up gutting fish in the local dockyard. She was sent to an all-girls school and was bright enough to enrol at London's Royal Academy of Music to study piano and flute.

Annie's next three years were spent in London, living in a variety of bedsits, doing odd jobs, running a second-hand clothes stall, waitressing, dabbling with small bands and writing songs. Then, one night in 1977, two musicians walked into the restaurant where she

was serving at tables.

Annie says: "They were Peet Coombes and Dave Stewart. The first words have said to me were, 'Will you marry me?' I thought he was a nutcase!"

"We went home and played and sang together. It was one of those rare nights of pure magic. We knew we had to work together. I knew Dave was someone special — he'd been married and divorced and was taking a lot of strange drugs — which I loved, was so inflexible.

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Soon after that fateful meeting, the trio got together and formed the band, The Tourists. The outfit went on to enjoy reasonable success — notably with a hit single, I Only Wanna Be With You. But in late 1980, up to their necks in record company hassles, The Tourists finally split.

Returning from Australia to London more than £15,000 in debt, Annie and Dave resolved to work together on a new project, but not before they had

sorted out some proper ideas.

A year later, Eurythmics signed a record deal and left for Germany to record their debut album, In The Garden. The LP met with mixed reaction and the pressures on Annie and Dave to go on tour and promote it in turn led to pressures in their personal relationship.

Dave became seriously ill and had an operation to repair a collapsed lung, while Annie suffered a nervous breakdown.

Annie says: "It was a terrible time. We decided that though we were no longer lovers, the musical partnership should continue. I was having panic attacks and for months I couldn't go outside. The thought of shopping or going on the train brought on the anxiety. I went back to Aberdeen for a while to think things over and relax."

"Being without Dave was very strange — but being with him was even stranger. We'd been together every day for four years and had become so close the margin between us had become blurred. It was frightening — we both needed a break from each other."

Then, in 1982, she received a phone call from London. "Dave was really excited about some of the new songs he'd," Annie says. "He played some down the phone and I knew we'd found our new direction."

The resulting album was Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of This) ... and it saw Eurythmics turn the corner from despair to stardom.

Now the band's popularity has reached such a peak in America that one of its songs is the theme tune to a big-budget soap opera. Film offers have been pouring in, a horse race has been named after them — and Annie was offered \$3 million to endorse Vidal Sassoon's hair care range.

She turned it down on the ground that she didn't want to be "some kind of consumer product".

Yet with Dave Stewart now happily married to former pop star Siobhan Fahey of Bananarama and Annie pregnant, some people are asking if Eurythmics are in danger of changing musical direction.

Annie vows that they won't. But as she has already shown us — change is what she's best at. Whether it be pop star, entertainer, gender-bender or mother...



Lennox with Eurythmics partner and former boyfriend Dave Stewart.

## UK top four remain static

**NEW YORK.** (AP): Cheap Trick's Flame stayed on for the second week in a row Wednesday as number one among best selling single pop records in the United States.

Pour Some Sugar On Me by Def Leppard popped up one notch to second place on the Cash Box Magazine chart.

New Sensation by INXS vaulted from sixth to third spot.

Last week's number two hit, Dirty Diana by Michael Jackson, toppled to fifth spot.

4. (9) Don't We All Have the Right — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).

5. (6) Workin' Man (Nowhere to Go) — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).

6. (10) Baby Blue — George Strait (MCA).

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10. (14) Don't Close Your Eyes — Keith Whitley (RCA).

The Top Ten Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) If You Change Your Mind — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).

2. (4) Talkin' to the Wrong Man — Michael Martin Murphey (with Ryan Murphey) (Warner Brothers).

3. (3) Set 'Em Up Joe — Vern Gosdin (Columbia).

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**LONDON.** (AP): Glenn Medeiros had the top spot with Nothing's Gonna Change My Love in a British pop singles chart whose top four places were unchanged from last week.

Push It, by female rap duo Salt 'n' Pepa held second place, followed by veteran Chubby Checker and the Fat Boys with a remake of his 1960s hit The Twist.

#### UK Top Five

This week's Top Five singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) The Flame — Cheap Trick (Epic).

2. (3) Pour Some Sugar On Me — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).

3. (6) New Sensation — INXS (Atlantic).

4. (4) Mercedes Boy — Pebbles (MCA).

5. (2) Dirty Diana — Michael Jackson (Epic).

6. (13) Roll With It — Steve Winwood (Virgin).

7. (11) Hold On to the Night — Richard Marx (EMI-Manhattan).

8. (8) Nite and Day — Al B. Sure (Uptown-Warner Brothers).

9. (5) Foolish Beat — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).

10. (16) Hands to Heaven — Mac Band McCampbell Bros (MCA).

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD

### GOREN BRIDGE

#### BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

♦ A 10 4  
▽ A K J 9 5 3  
◊ 6  
♣ 8 4 2

**WEST**

♦ Q 5 2  
▽ 10 8  
◊ Q 10 4 3  
♣ K J 5 3

**EAST**

♦ 9 7 6 3  
▽ Q 2  
◊ 9 7 5 2  
♣ 10 9 7

**SOUTH**

♦ K J 8  
▽ 7 6 4  
◊ A K J 8  
♣ A Q 6

**The bidding:**

South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
3 ♡ Pass 4 NT Pass  
3 ♢ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♡

game-going values and suggested interest in slam. Since South held a maximum no trump with filling cards in spades, he cue-bid his club ace, and North needed no further urging to go for slam.

Wisely, West decided that he did not want to lead from any of his honors, so he chose a trump lead. That dissuaded declarer from even thinking about a finesse in the suit, and he was delighted to find the queen of trumps dropping on the second round.

It might seem that declarer could now afford to take finesses in both spades and clubs for his slam. If either were to succeed, a 75 percent chance, 12 tricks were there for the asking. However, declarer found a sure-trick line. At trick three he led a low diamond from dummy, intending simply to cover any card that East produced.

Strange as it might seem, finesses are not an easy subject for a bridge writer. A few days ago, we discussed a hand where the winning line was to avoid having to take a finesse. Today, the road to Eldorado lies in taking a finesse in a suit where you have no loser!

North-South were using transfer bids in response to no trump openings. Thus, North's two diamond response showed a heart suit, and his two spade rebid confirmed

### THE WIZARD OF ID

1. I'D LIKE A FIRST-CLASS SEAT TO ROME

2. WHAT'S A FIRST-CLASS SEAT ON A STAGECOACH?

3. GATE

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

**Aries** (March 20 - April 18)

The situation is more favourable and you have good reason for optimism. You should make sure you do not spoil the harmony with your partner. An offer or proposal should not be lightly dismissed. Be frank.

**Taurus** (April 19 - May 19)

You must pay more attention to your financial affairs. Try to be a little more careful about fulfilling your promises. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be responsive.

**Gemini** (May 20 - June 20)

You should try to keep things as simple as possible. Make sure you remain fully in touch with what is

By Douglas Kennedy

**FRANKFURT AIRPORT** is a hypermarket with German subtleties; a vast mercantile crossroads which houses its very own supermarket; its very own McDonald's; a handful of delicatessens; three cinemas; a place to buy tourists' Lederhosen, traditional Alpine embroidered shirts, and other variations on a Heidi-style wardrobe; a specialty emporium trading in wiretaps and other surveillance devices; and — perhaps the airport's best-known establishment — Dr Müller's sex shop.

It is, in short, a shopping mall, showpiece and, as such, an embodiment of many of the standard preconceptions which exist about the Bundesrepublik Deutschland today — a nation which is supposedly as antisocial and heavily deodorised as this ultra-modern airport; which has embraced the high-tech with a vengeance; which revels in its triumphal consumerism; and which is rumoured to be devoid of passion.

And, indeed, this stereotype of clerical efficiency is reinforced by your first encounter with the Autobahn — that expressway without speed limits which operates according to the rules of social Darwinism, and has its very own automotive hierarchy.

For here, the offspring of Mercedes-Benz and Bavarian Motor Works consider themselves to be the lords of a realm which believes in the Divine Right of 2,000cc engines. And if you — as a mere vassal in your 1,000cc vehicle — do not defer to their thunderous horsepower, you will quickly find yourself being threatened from the rear. Because, on the Autobahn, it is not the exhilaration of flying low at 125mph which motivates all those account executives in their saloon cars to put their foot to the floor. Rather, they seem to be asserting their mastery over a potentially lethal state-of-the-art machine, and therefore drive like highly disciplined technocrats who have suddenly become imbued with toxic energy.

#### Pastoral

But there is a Germany far removed from such high-octane machismo; a Germany beyond the Autobahn and the microchip, which — at first sight — appears to be bound up in another era. On closer inspection, you discover this is a realm where the past isn't a foreign country, but is part of the familiar present. And so, to travel this strip of the landscape is to encounter a pastoral vision of Germany that is very much part of society today.

It is called die Romantische Strasse — the Romantic Road; a 350km strip of tarmacadam (made up of an interconnecting series of secondary and tertiary thoroughfares) that weaves its way through the fatty midriff of Franconia and Bavaria before hitting a dead-end on the Alpine border with Austria. En route, the road connects a remarkable series of mediaeval towns and cities which may have that "preserved in formaldehyde" look of authenticity, but which are definitely not museums. Indeed, though this collection of walled settlements and castellated hamlets is the last remnant of the Germany in myth, it would be wrong to classify the Romantic Road as some sort of Teutonic theme park.

Rather, what is most intriguing about this collection of pre-Renaissance lorry stops is that they remain working communities which — behind their ornamental facades — have been updated to meet the demands of late 20th century life. And therefore — even though the very name "romantic"

# Down the Romantic Road

"Romantic Road" was only invented in the early 1950s as a marketing ploy to bring visitors back through this region — the ersatz and the historically synthetic has little place here. Instead, a journey along this route gives one a quirky insight into the manifold complexities of contemporary Germany against a backdrop of its Gothic past. As I discovered when I set off recently to drive the full-length of this mediaeval cavalcade.

As I veered off the main Frankfurt-Nürnberg Autobahn at the exit marked Würzburg — the city which marks the beginning of die Romantische Strasse — I hit the scanning button on the car radio in my rented Volkswagen Jetta, and a performance of Schubert's Winterreise was suddenly replaced by a voice which belonged to the deepest fathoms of the American South:

"Howdy, y'all, this is American Country Countdown Radio, and we gotta request here for a Merle Haggard tune from a woman in Butte, Montana."

#### Buffer

I had happened upon the Armed Forces Radio network; that "tower of power in Bavaria" (as one of their DJs called it) which keeps all American servicemen stationed in Germany in touch with Amerikanische Kultur, and reminds the rest of the populace that their nation is the West's first buffer zone against the forces of the Eastern bloc.

It was, in a way, an appropriate aural accompaniment to my entrance into Würzburg, because it pointed up present-day Central European realities in the context of a city which was all but levelled in



1945, and now stands — in its rebuilt incarnation — as an exquisite lament for the zenith of both mediaeval Christianity and high German baroque.

#### Escape

For in 689 AD, three Irish missionaries — Kilian, Kolonat and Totnan — dropped into town, and used the city as their mission control centre for the spread of Christianity in Franconia. And though they were later martyred for their pains, they nonetheless managed to establish Würzburg as the area's major ecclesiastical metropolis — a fact reflected in the city's spiritual skyline of cathedral spires and church towers, best viewed from one of the more dazzling footbridges in Europe, the Alte Mainbrücke, along which Würzburg's patron saints have been posted as stone sentries, impervious to the architectural changes brought upon the city



King Ludwig's castle, Neuschwanstein, looms against a mountain.

narrow and steepen, leading me across an elevated plain that was brilliantly lit by a late afternoon sun which threw a maliblue tint on this expanse of intensely arable land. As scenic vistas go, it was pure over-the-top visual romanticism — especially since, on a hilltop in the distance, awash in this amber light, was the most magisterial of all the Romantic Road communities, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

#### Narcissistic

Indeed, from a distance, Rothenburg appears to be the proverbial "city on a hill" — aloof and narcissistic and essentially infatuated with its own aesthetic perfection. And perhaps it has every right to be so inclined, as it remains one of the most intact examples of mediaeval town planning left in Europe. Its walls are the original ramparts against which the town staved off the outside world in the Middle Ages; its central Marktplatz is a small triumph of Gothic theatricality; it possesses an absurdly exquisite hillside park which commands a cinema-scope prospect of the entire sweep of the Tauber valley; its backstreets yield up heavily atmospheric Weinstuben which literally ooze Genügsamkeit — in short, Rothenburg could have been invented by a mediaeval Laura Ashley, for it celebrates rustic good taste in extremis.

And yet, the town's superbly-composed facade almost disappeared in contemporary times, as nearly half of Rothenburg was razed during an Allied bombing raid in 1945, and the jigsaw complexity of the original cityscape had to be painstakingly reassembled in the years following the war, using the original town plans.

More remarkably, despite being the ultimate picture postcard, the town has steadfastly remained a living city, with more than 8,000 citizens residing behind its walls. And this has meant that, within its small historic confines, a supermarket, a cinema, a handful of Italian gelati joints, and even to fast food restaurants have all been carefully integrated into



View from the footbridge: statues along the 'Alte Mainbrücke'

the original architectural fabric of the city without disturbing it. Which makes Rothenburg one of the few places in the whole of the world where the local variation of a cheeseburger is served in an emporium which advertises itself with a hand-painted sign in Gothic lettering.

Of course, this determination to integrate 20th century convenience culture with a 14th century townscape is an observational (and frequently quirky) feature of many of the towns along the Romantic Road.

In Dinkelsbühl — a somewhat larger version of Rothenburg some 60km due south (a stretch of the route which brings one along a slalom course of scenic variations, in which archetypally lush rolling hills vie with eerily anorexic woodlands for dominion of the landscape) — an entire school of ingenious domestic architecture has been developed around the art of grafting uncharacteristically Gothic gables onto characteristically Gothic houses.

Whereas further down the road in Nördlingen which is another walled city, albeit one which was designed in a circular Custer's>Last-Stand configuration a barn-like expanse of tudoresque buildings are now the headquarters for the local Feuerwehrgerätehaus (or what we in the Anglophone world tersely refer to as "firehouse").

#### Staid

Even in Augsburg — that supposedly staid burgh of a city — the main boulevard, Maximilianstrasse, casts off its merchant banker demeanour at night and becomes designer-stubble territory, as a string of beat monde nightspots caters to the young and upwardly mobile and the hyper-style conscious. In fact, Augsburg (the only metropolis, outside of Würzburg, on the Romantic Road) is one of the best kept urban secrets in Germany, possessing a low-key, yet distinctive grandeur, an Italianate temperament (which manifests itself in being very much a city where "the street" is an ongoing piece of theatre in which all must participate), as well as the somewhat curious distinction of being twinned with Inverness.

And yet, as I pressed further south on the final stretch of the journey — and found myself being yanked slowly up into the Bavarian Alps — it began to strike me that, although foreigners and Germans alike travelled the Romantic Road in search of a mythic Germany, present-day concerns always seemed somehow to intervene.

It was a point that was brought home to me when, on the final day of my journey, I loitered in the small Alpine village of Hohenschwangau, above which loomed King Ludwig's mad Disneyland vision of a castle — Neuschwanstein. And in an attempt to sidestep the company of double-knit Americans and trigger-happy Nikon-wielding Japanese, I decided to avoid the castle and instead opted for an extended two-hour walk around the Alps — an oversized reflecting pool of a lake which perfectly mirrors the melodramatic excesses of the surrounding peaks.

En route, I passed a couple of middle-aged, successfully paunchy German businessmen who were perched on a bluff overlooking that dazzling Alpine pond, and having a most rigorous discussion about the merits and advantages of the new aerodynamic Mercedes.

A few hours later, I passed through the town of Füssen and crossed the border into Austria. The romance of the road was over.



Visitors to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington can tour grounds by horse-drawn carriage.

## Equestrian bliss

By Carol Spicer

LEXINGTON, Ky.: For a mere \$5.95, a lover of horses can spend an entire day in heaven.

That's the price of the admission to the Kentucky Horse Park, in the countryside outside Lexington, where one can rub noses with many of the aristocrats of the horse kingdom.

Of course, it's a joy just driving the back roads in this lush green land where undulating white or black plank fences outline the pastures and surround the hilltop buildings of Kentucky's bluegrass horse domains. Here, too, mares and their foals crop and romp in their own paddocks, and the stallions reign, each in his own. Double fences put eight feet of space between the stallions' paddocks to keep the high-strung creatures apart.

And at intervals there are the long, tree-lined drives leading to the old Kentucky homes of farm owners. But we are not invited in. Until a few years ago, even at farms where stallions worth millions of dollars were stabled, visitors were welcome. Sadly, so many guests abused the privileges — leaving gates open, feeding the animals, scattering trash — that the inner workings of these private estates are no longer on view.

"And that," says Mimi Lewis, Kentucky's commissioner of tourism, "is the reason for the Horse Park. Here there is all you could see at the horse farms, everything you ever wanted to know about horses, rolled into one complex of stables and paddocks and tracks."

Not to mention exhibit halls, where, at the start of this total horse-embracing day, you can watch the lovely wide-screen film "Thou Shall Fly Without Wings" and be carried away into every corner of the world where horses work and play. The film covers everything from the galloping of wild mustangs on the prairie to the bruisng melee of the polo field, to the ballet of the Lipizzans, to the ploughing of a New Hampshire field.

#### Museum

After which, put it all in perspective with a walk on a spiraling ramp past murals depicting the history of the horse, going back to prehistoric times. Or, just around the corner, burst dramatically into the golden age of the horse where, against a black background, spotlights play on such picturesque vehicles as a stagecoach pulled by two sturdy teams or a wicker pony cart, and on the victorias and broughams and basket phaetons that carried the gentry of the 19th century to tea parties and balls.

Although 32 breeds of horses are stabled at the Horse Park and can be seen on parade or in their stalls, a serious student of this noble animal should be sure to look up the lighted portraits of 62 breeds, also in the Museum of the Horse. Exhibit

Hall. While there, if you want to know the facts about a particular breed, you need only press a button and it all comes up on a computer screen.

After viewing the dazzling array of silver and gold trophies — bowls, statuettes, platters, and cups — won by the eight Kentucky Derby winners and the 100 or more Stakes winners raised at Calumet Farm, it's time to leave this indoor, Epcot-like centre of horseshoe and get out into the living, horse-filled world of stables and fields.

Twenty-eight miles of white board fences divide the farm's prime bluegrass into the exercise paddocks and grazing fields. At any given time one can gather at the park's 200 horses.

Polo fields, where matches are held every Sunday afternoon; steeplechase tracks; and "eventing" fields, scene of an international three-day event attracting top riders to Kentucky every spring — all these are framed in that classic white. The fences even surround the 14 farm buildings of what was the Walnut Hall Stud Farm, which, now, as the core of the Horse Park, belongs to the state.

#### Farm

The park is a working farm. You can stop by the blacksmith shop and watch the farrier, backed up against the shoulder of a Belgian draft horse, pounding nails into the huge shoe into the hoof he holds so tightly between his knees. This he does every six weeks to each horse on the farm.

In the old-time harness shop next door, the harnessmaker, as the visitor looks on, works the leather for a bridle that will adorn a white Arabian, or perhaps a Morgan, in one of the daily parade of breeds put on for the curious public.

But better than the parades, or the shops — better even than the view from a five-passenger surrey, of the labyrinth of fences and the gorgeous creatures contained therein — is the Hall of Champions. This is the barn in which Kentucky's bluest bloods are so magnificently lodged, befitting their elevated status. Here, in the panelled and spacious box stalls where the proud stallions of the Walnut Hall Stud Farm were once housed. A Letter to Harry, John Henry, Forego, Rambling Willie, and other equine greats that are no longer productive, roll knee-deep in mint-condition straw.

And in the panelled "lobby" of this equine hostelry, visitors can stand in the open Dutch doorway leading to the stalls and have a good old heart-to-heart with Forego, for instance, about his sensational finish in the Marlboro Cup race of '76, and with Rambling Willie, once king of the standard-bred pacers. That's about as close as you can get to royalty.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

By David Storey

## Asian jumble and French sophistication

**HANOI**, Vietnam. (Reuters): The rhythmic creaking of pedals on a bicycle rickshaw, shouts of street vendors and a constant murmur of voices from the crowded pavements give Vietnam's capital city of 1.5 million people the feel of a village.

On an evening ride in a cyclo (trishaw), the passing tableau of Hanoi is lit by the glow of dim street lights, single bulbs dangling in glassless ground-floor windows and flickering "oil" lamps illuminating cigarette stalls.

Sometimes, a flattering or wounding remark in broken English wafts over the passenger's head in the disembodied voice of the cyclo driver — "England number one," or "Change money?"

Hanoi was first named capital of Vietnam in the year 1010 under the Ly dynasty, when it was known as Thang Long — city of the soaring dragon.

Now, a combination of crumbling French colonial elegance and Asian jumble, it

has retained its shape and spirit, its face of green shutters and leafy balconies.

Even the B-52 bombers sent in by the US Air Force during the Vietnam war did little permanent damage and only a few signs of their attacks remain round the boulevards and ramshackle merchants' quarter.

**Poverty** Communist Vietnam's poverty has been Hanoi's saviour.

Other cities in South-East Asia, such as Bangkok, Hong Kong and Singapore, have been overwhelmed by concrete and glass towers and six-lane car-choked streets, their traditional flavour largely lost in the 20th century pell-mell rush to develop.

Not so Hanoi. There are no private cars and the few traffic lights put up to control the rush-hour streams of bicycles seem permanently on amber.

Built on scattered lakes inside a curve of the Red River, the city lost its status as royal capital to Hue in central Viet-

nam through much of the 1800s. But Hanoi's people say it always kept the mantle of national cultural centre.

"Traditional customs can be weakened but not destroyed," said To Hoai, editor of the Hanoi weekly Nguoi Hanoi (Hanoi resident).

"Nowhere in the country are the tailors better. Our way of speaking Vietnamese is more correct than anywhere else. We've had the stamp of the capital for 1,000 years."

**Recovering** After decades of struggle and war, the city is showing signs of recovering some gaiety after its dour phase under dogmatic communist rule, with Western pop music issuing from packed ice cream parlours and cafes.

But it is still essentially austere and formal.

"If you go out, you dress properly. Under the French you never went out without a hat and a tie," said Hoai, a small, balding man in his 60s whose eyes light up when he talks of his native city.

Hanoi has three distinct areas, and a fourth — a series of apartment blocks that already look dilapidated within years of opening — is slowly emerging on the outskirts.

The most historic feature is the Royal Citadel, a walled complex now housing a military camp. Little of it remains.

Guides proudly point out a dent where a cannon ball hit but failed to penetrate the wall, which is cemented by a unique recipe of sand, sugarcane molasses and paper made of bamboo.

The living heart of Hanoi is the haphazard honeycomb of the 36 streets which grew up in the early centuries as rows of wood and bamboo huts, each street devoted to a craft.

The streets, closed off by a gate, were occupied by artisans' guilds. The gates have gone but the names, and the crafts, survive. Tin is still hammered in Tin Street, mats are still made and sold in Mai Street and jute sacks sit in piles on Jute Bag

now house at least 10, which amounts to 40 or 50 people. Shanties have sprung up in once-tended gardens.

Almost nothing is done to maintain the villas, except those used as state offices or foreign embassies. With the city's coffers bare, there is almost no new construction.

A bulky Soviet-built cultural centre, a mausoleum for the Father of National Communism, Ho Chi Minh, in the style of Lenin's tomb in Moscow, and the headquarters of the state bank are among the few new public buildings.

Efforts by some architects and cultural figures to stop new building round the central Hoan Kiem Lake are crumbling — the People's Committee that runs the city and the Communist Party paper Nhan Dan are both putting up new modern office blocks.

However, some conservation schemes are slowly taking off. Plaques are being attached to buildings designated as historic, like the centuries-old White Horse Pagoda and the newly-renovated Jade Hill Pag

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Moderate rise in wholesale prices reported

## US trade deficit widened to \$10.93 billion in May

**WASHINGTON**, July 15. (Reuter): The US trade deficit widened in May to a seasonally adjusted \$10.93 billion from \$10.3 billion in April, the Commerce Department said today.

However, the figure was less than the \$11.5 billion expected by most economists.

**Moderate**

The Labour Department, meanwhile, reported that US wholesale prices rose a moderate 0.4 per cent in June after a 0.5 per cent increase in May.

The increase was well within the expectations of financial analysts who had predicted the producer price index would rise by about 0.3 per cent in the month. Higher food prices were offset by declines in energy costs, the department said.

Although the trade deficit was roughly in line with expectations, the shortfall for April was revised up by about \$400 million from the preliminary estimate of \$9.89 billion.

**Shareholders of Gucci reach board compromise**

**ROME**, July 15. (Reuter): Shareholders in Gucci Gucci struck a compromise over demands for a bigger boardroom say by an Arab-based investment bank which now owns almost half the Italian fashion house, a spokesman said today.

Shareholders who met in Florence late yesterday agreed to enlarge the board from eight to 10 seats.

Paul Dimitruk, a representative of Investcorp, a Bahrain-based investment bank which has built a stake of 47.8 per cent in the company, got one new seat.

Vittorio Ponti, a representative of Custodians for a frozen stake of 50 per cent which is held by former chairman Maurizio Gucci, got the other.

Investcorp and the Custodians now have five board places each. But Maurizio Gucci cannot vote this stake pending the outcome of a legal tussle over his interest in the firm.

Investcorp, at a meeting on June 9, had sought to expand the board by one seat and take that for itself. But it was blocked by the Custodians.

Today's deal does not settle Gucci's future management. Sources close to the firm said the board now must select a new managing director, a position held formerly by Maurizio Gucci.

**UK annual inflation rate rises**

**LONDON**, July 15. (AP): Britain's annual consumer inflation rate rose to 4.6 per cent in June from 4.2 per cent in the previous month, the government reported today.

The Department of Employment said its retail price index rose 0.4 per cent in June from May, after a similar increase in the previous month.

Market forecasts had called for an annual rise of 4.3 per cent to 4.6 per cent and a month-to-month rise of between 0.1 per cent to 0.4 per cent.

The Department of Employment attributed the monthly rise to higher prices for motor vehicles, non-seasonal foods, gasoline and clothing.

The index, which uses a January 1987 basis of 100, stood at 106.6 in June, up from 106.2 in May, and 102 in June 1987.

## Japan to increase foreign aid and defence spending

**TOKYO**, July 15. (Reuter): Japan announced its biggest increase in government spending for years today to meet international demands that it give more to poorer nations, and to strengthen its armed forces.

Budget guidelines announced by Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and approved at a cabinet meeting said there would be a 9.4 per cent increase in overseas development assistance (ODA) in the year starting next April.

**Fairly**

"The increase in ODA was fairly large in line with Japan's international pledge," Miyazawa said.

The club of rich Western nations has demanded that Japan use more of its riches to help the developing world.

But Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita surprised the group at a summit in Toronto in June by taking the initiative and pledging that Japan would lead a campaign to help some of the poorest countries wipe out their burden

In the first five months of the year, the trade deficit totalled \$38.6 billion. At that rate, it would reach \$140 billion for the whole year, down considerably from the 1987 record of \$171.2 billion.

**Gains**

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said on Wednesday that further gains in exports should continue to provide a major stimulus to economic growth this year and next, reflecting the lagged effects of the decline in the dollar in 1987, which made US goods cheaper abroad.

But, appearing before the Senate Banking Committee, the US central bank chairman also warned that month-to-month improvements in the trade deficit would be erratic.

As long as the trade deficit forced the United States to borrow huge sums from abroad every year, interest rates could rise and the dollar could fall at

any moment if foreign investors became nervous about accumulating more US debt, Greenspan warned.

The better-than-expected US trade figures in April, released a month ago, gave a major boost to the dollar, propelling it to a nine-month high against the West German mark by this week of around 1.85 marks.

Immediately following today's figures, the dollar firmed further, to around 1.86 marks.

**Variations**

Before statistical adjustment to iron out seasonal variations in imports and exports, the May trade deficit widened to \$10.70 billion from \$10.19 billion in April, the Commerce Department said.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, US exports in May increased 2.3 per cent to \$26.62 billion, but imports rose more strongly, by 3.4 per cent to \$37.55 billion.

Virtually all the deterioration in the trade balance was account-

ed for by a 17.7 per cent rise in the nation's oil bill to \$3.94 billion from \$3.35 billion in April.

Oil prices, however, have since fallen to the lowest levels in almost two years, which should reduce the bill in months to come.

The surplus in farm trade, which has yet to reflect the impact of the drought in the grain-producing states, fell to \$1.15 billion in May from \$1.17 billion in April.

The deficit in manufacturing trade rose to \$10.99 billion in May from \$10.91 billion in April.

Once again, exports of manufactured goods rose, especially aircraft, electrical machinery and communications equipment, but imports grew even more quickly.

Exports of non-monetary gold fell to \$39.7 million from \$920.1 million in April as Taiwan, which had channelled some of its massive reserves into gold, reduced its purchases.

Excluding food and energy,

Imports of clothing, footwear, iron and steel mill products, aircraft, electrical and industrial machinery and sporting goods all rose in May, the government said. Car imports declined.

The deficit with Japan, which is larger than with any other country, fell to \$4.12 billion in May from \$4.44 billion in April, and the shortfall with Canada, the largest US trading partner, dipped to \$1.04 billion from \$1.08 billion.

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US wholesale prices rose by 0.3 per cent in June after a 0.3 per cent May rise.

So far this year, wholesale prices have risen at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.6 per cent, compared with a 2.2 per cent increase for all of 1987, the Labour Department said.

Consumer food prices in June rose 1.1 per cent after a 0.9 per cent increase in May and were 1.7 per cent above their year-end level, the department said.

Finished energy goods prices fell 1.6 per cent in June after a 0.2 per cent May rise and were 2.7 per cent below a year earlier, the department said.

Petrol prices

Natural gas prices, which fell 3.8 per cent in May, fell 1.0 per cent in June and were 4.3 per cent below a year ago.

Petrol prices fell 2.4 per cent in June after a 3.8 per cent May rise.

Crude oil prices fell 1.6 per cent in June after a 5.1 per cent May rise, the department said.

## Sri Lanka pushes India into second place in tea exports

**NEW DELHI**, July 15. (KUNA): Sri Lanka has emerged as a major tea exporter to Iraq and Iran, pushing India to the second position.

The island nation has offered attractive export packages to the warring nations for increasing its tea exports.

India Tea Board in its report "future strategy" said Iraq's tea imports have gone up to 44 million kilos in 1987 from 27 million kilos in 1976. Among the exporting countries Sri Lanka now tops the list accounting for 65 per cent of import. India's exports to the Arab nations are around ten million kilos, but they slipped to two million kilos, last year, when on account of price factor, Iraq could not buy the desired quantity from India.

Greenspan indicated that during the past three months the Fed has pushed up a key short-term interest rate, the federal funds rate, by a full percentage point.

The federal funds rate is the interest banks charge each other for overnight loans and it is influenced heavily by Fed decisions on bank reserves.

"The hike in the prime rate is not the start of something new. It is simply a reflection of the earlier tightening steps," Jones said. "I think we will see interest rates remain stable at these levels for the next few months."

**Justified**

David Wyss, chief financial economist of Data Resources Inc., predicted a period of steady interest rates between now and the November election, saying that neither the Fed nor major banks want to risk getting embroiled in the presidential campaign by making further tightening moves.

"Greenspan made it clear that he believed unemployment, which dropped to a 14-year low of 5.3 per cent in June, cannot go much lower without risking accelerating wage demands and higher inflation. But he indicated that he expected both the unemployment rate and current high factory operating rates will begin levelling off in the months ahead.

Analysts said these two indicators of economic strength, along with the various measurements of inflation, will be the key ones to watch to determine future interest rate moves.

"Greenspan's testimony indicates that the central bank expects the economy to soften and inflation to settle down in the second half of the year," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "if that forecast

did occur."

Iran imports 30 million kilos of tea annually though it also produces 24 million kilos. The imported tea is blended with the local tea in a prescribed ratio before being made available to the consumers. Before the revolution imports of tea in Iran was in private hands.

After 1979 import of tea was solely handled by the government agencies.

In Iran although India is in a strong position but Sri Lanka is emerging as a major competitor.

The Iran-Sri Lankan agreement stipulates supply of 15 million kilos of tea per annum.

## British Aerospace agrees terms for Rover group takeover

**LONDON**, July 15. (Reuter): British Aerospace PLC (BAE) has agreed terms for the £150 million (\$254 million) takeover of the state-run Rover Group PLC motor company, Trade and Industry Minister Lord Young said yesterday. Lord Young's announcement in parliament ended a day of indecision following the British aircraft maker's statement on Wednesday that it needed more time to consider European Economic Community conditions placed on the sell-off of the government's 99.8 per cent stake in Rover.

The European Commission, the EEC's executive body, had ruled on Wednesday that a proposed government £80 million (\$1.35 billion) write-off on Rover debt should be cut by £31 million (\$56 million) to ensure fair competition among automakers in Europe. Talks with the European Commission this morning have clarified the position in terms satisfactory to the BAE board.

"Lord Young said in a statement to the House of Lords, Britain's upper house of Parliament. The deal came after a day of urgent consultations between Lord Young, the European Commission in Brussels and BAE chairman Roland Smith to avert what newspaper headlines warned could be an embarrassment for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government.

Collapse of the takeover would have been a major setback for the government, which plans to sell off Rover as part of a wider programme to transfer state enterprises to private ownership.

Senior conservative Member of Parliament John Biffen, a former minister, told a television interviewer: "It would have been immensely embarrassing if the deal had fallen through and then a few months later a European company had made a takeover bid."

West Germany's Volkswagen AG and the US Ford Motor Company had been widely tipped as possible suitors

if BAE had refused a deal which the Labour opposition had condemned as a "giveaway" to the private sector.

## World Business Summary

### Nigeria says official OPEC price no longer tenable

**LAGOS**, July 15. (Reuter): A senior Nigerian oil executive said the official selling price set by OPEC for crude oil, was no longer tenable because of oversupply. "There is nothing called official selling price today," Michael Olomofemi, deputy managing director at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) said on national television on Wednesday.

NNPC's top economist added: "Official selling price today is only a target price." Under the price structure set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Nigeria's Bonny light was set at \$18.92 a barrel but oil industry sources said that target had not been achieved at any time this year.

"If you are selling at official selling price today, they won't lift a drop of your oil," Olomofemi said. Spot market prices are currently about \$5 below the OPEC target.

Olomofemi said: "Unless supply can be managed one can't see the possibility of oil prices going upwards." Nigerian oil officials said the problem had been worsened by UAE increased output to 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd), nearly double its OPEC-assigned quota of 948,000 bpd. OPEC said this week that its powerful secretary general Subroto would deliver a message to UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan on the current oil market situation. It said OPEC's price committee, which can call emergency ministerial talks, would meet after Subroto's UAE visit.

### Soviet Union purchases more grain from America

**WASHINGTON**, July 15. (UPI): The Soviet Union purchased an additional 150,000 metric tons of US corn, the Agriculture Department announced on Wednesday, the third large-scale corn purchase by Moscow this week. Exporters this week have reported sales to the Soviets totalling 675,000 tons of US corn.

There are 39.4 bushels per metric ton. The latest sale involves corn initially sold for delivery to unknown destinations. Exporters told the government the destination had been changed to the Soviet Union. On Tuesday, exporters reported the sale of 350,000 tons of corn to the Soviets and on Monday they announced a change in destination for 175,000 metric tons of corn. That had been listed at first as going to an unknown destination. The new sales mean the Soviets have purchased 5.04 million tons of corn in the final year of the five-year US-Soviet grain agreement, which expires on Sept. 30. The Kremlin also has purchased 9 million tons of wheat, 1.3 million tons of soybean meal and 830,700 tons of soybeans.

### Zambia rejects IMF, World Bank requests on devaluation

**LUSAKA**, July 15. (Reuter): Zambia has rejected requests by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to devalue its currency, reduce the budget deficit and remove food subsidies, a government newspaper reported yesterday. The Daily Mail quoted Finance Minister Gibson Chilanga as saying the two institutions had asked for these measures to be taken before they would consider providing fresh financial assistance to Zambia, which adopted its own economic programme after abandoning IMF reforms in May, 1987. "But we have said no.

We do not want to disrupt the new programme, which is showing positive signs of economic recovery," Chilanga said in an interview with the paper. The Mail did not say when the IMF and World Bank made the requests but they have held several rounds of talks with the government in the last 12 months in a bid to heal the rift.

Zambia has described the IMF prescriptions as too tough. Chilanga said that besides a devaluation, the World Bank and IMF wanted an immediate cut in the budget deficit by four per cent gross domestic product and the removal of subsidies on maize meal, the staple food. He said the government would continue to hold talks with the two financial institutions but he urged them to back Zambia's own recovery programme instead of pressing the government to change it. President Kenneth Kaunda said in June that Zambia would approach the IMF and World Bank shortly to discuss the possibility of a new agreement. But Chilanga's remarks indicated an accord was a long way off. The programme includes tight curbs on the exchange rate, prices and interest rates and a ceiling on debt servicing. Zambia's foreign debt is estimated at more than \$5 billion.

### Japan eases visa restrictions on Soviets

**TOKYO**, July 15. (AP): Japan in August will begin approving multiple re-entry permits for Tokyo-based Soviet trade officials in an effort to boost business ties with the Soviet Union, the Foreign Ministry today.

**Measures**

Congress had approved the trade and plant closing measures this spring as a single package that was sent to the White House.

But Reagan vetoed the effort on May 24, objecting to the provision requiring companies to give advance notice of factory shutdowns and major layoffs.

The House voted 308-113 the same day to override the veto, but the Senate failed to muster the two-thirds majority to enact the legislation over the president's objections.

Democratic congressional leaders then decided to separate the bills and try again.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## International Bond Highlights

London — The Hokuriku Bank Ltd is issuing a 100 mn dr convertible Eurobond due March 31, 2003 with an indicated coupon of 3-1/8 pct and par pricing, lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTZB 0853) In Zurich, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said the Japanese bank is also issuing 100 mn Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and par pricing. (RTZC 0832)

Zurich — An Algemene Bank Nederland NV unit, Dublin-based ABN International Financial Services Co, is issuing a 150 mn Swiss franc, five year, 4-1/4 pct bond priced at 100-1/4 pct, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RTZC 0856)

Tokyo — Japanese members of the underwriting syndicate for Japan's benchmark 10-year government bonds are ready to yield part of their underwriting shares to foreign rivals by as early as April 1989, negotiators at member companies said. (Economic Spotlight, ECRB-H)

London — Pibanken is issuing a five billion yen floating rate note due August 15, 1992 paying the Japanese long-term prime rate plus two basis points and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Nippon Credit International said. (RTZB 0826)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	9-3/8 1/8.	10-5/16 3/16	10-13/16
FFT	4-45/55	4-75/80	5-00/05
PAR	7-7/16 9/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-7/8 4-1/8
BRX	4.25	6-15/16 1-1/16	7-1/8 1/4
ROM	10-10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	11-1/8 11-5/8
AMS	4-1/2 4-3/4	4-5/8 4-3/4	5-0/0 5-1/8
TOK	3,6875 7500	3,9575 4,0000	4,0225 1250
EDU	6.31 6.56	6.87 7.00	7.25 7.37

## Interest Rates

Period	Offered	Bid
1 month	5-15/16	6-5/16
3 months	6-1/8	6-7/16
6 months	6-1/4	6-9/16
1 year	6-3/8	6-11/16

## Bahrain

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDA	60.50	60	60.50	NICO	570	565	570
ACC	222.50	223.50	218 GRASIN	104.50	105	104.50	NOCIL	447.50	445	450
ASIA PAINT	153.75	152.50	153 GSFC	126	126	127 ORKAY	31	30	28.50	29
BAJAJ AUTO	235	236.25	235 KND LEVER	68.50	67.75	68.50 PEICO	29.25	28.50	28	29
BAR.RAYON	240	242.50	242.50 HINDALCO	85.50	84.50	84 PFIZER	61.50	61.50	62	62
BONDING	111.50	107	102.50 HINDCOOP	76.25	75	76.25 PRE.AUTO	30	30	30	30
BR. BOND	85	83.50	84.50 HINDMOTOR	21.25	21.12	21.75 RAYMOND	49.25	48.50	49.75	49.75
BSE INDEX	583.04	577.26	IND ORG	22	22	22 RELIANCE	198.50	199	200	200
CENTURYSPEC	881.50	885	862.50 INDRATON	71.25	70	71.50 SIEMENS	67	68	69	69
COLGATE	206.25	206.25	210 INDRUL	163	163	165.25 SPIC	46	47	46.25	46.25
DEEPAKERT	33	32.75	32 ITC	43	42	43.50 STDMILLS	240	240	242.50	242.50
EI.HOTEL	49	48	49 JISYNT	62.50	61	62 TATA PAR	233	231.25	247.50	247.50
ESKADEV	152.50	152.50	155 L AND T	95	94.50	94.50 TATACHEM	68.50	69	6.50	6.50
ESSAR	18.75	19	18.50 NAHINDRA	56.50	56.50	57 TELCO	652.50	655	645	645
GAR. POLY	80	78.50	79 MASTERSH	10.37	10.25	10.50 TISCO	780	778.75	770	770
GE.SHIP	28.75	28.62	28.85 MATHER PL.	51	51	49 VOLTAS	290	290	292.50	292.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1190	1190	MITSUB EL	964	965	MITSUB EST	2380
AEG	201.0	200.7	AIJINMOTO	2960	3030	3030	SEIYU ST	2250	2270	SEIYU ST	2250
ALLIANZ VR	1478.0	1456.0	AKAT ELEC	670	650	650	SEKISUI PB	1610	1600	SEKISUI PB	1610
BAEDEMERR	183.5	182.0	AOKI	1020	1030	1030	SHARP	1280	1290	SHARP	1280
BAASF	260.0	257.7	ASANI GAS	1920	1950	1950	SHISEIDO	1740	1770	SHISEIDO	1740
BAYER HYP	296.0	295.5	ASANI OPT	735	740	740	SONY	5300	5400	SONY	5300
BAYER VER	347.0	349.0	BANK TOKYO	1560	1560	1560	SUMITOMO	1170	1170	SUMITOMO	1170
BBC	335.5	339.5	BRIDGESTON	1350	1320	1320	TOKYO GAS	1170	1190	TOKYO GAS	1170
BHF	412.0	412.0	DAI NIP TO	684	685	685	TOKYO POWR	5700	5780	TOKYO POWR	5700
BHJ	526.0	523.0	DAUTEL	688	676	676	TOYODA KOG	940	961	TOYODA KOG	940
COMMERZBK	252.5	251.5	DAUTEL	170	178	178	TOYOTA OCN	836	845	TOYOTA OCN	836
CONTI GUMM	262.8	264.0	DAUTEL	2400	2400	2400	UNIVERSAL INS	1190	1190	UNIVERSAL INS	1190
DAIMER BEN	710.5	706.0	DAUTEL	3000	3000	3000	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
DEUTSC BNK	482.0	479.2	DAI NIP IK	815	815	815	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
DLW	365.0	362.0	DAI NIP PT	2410	2450	2450	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
DRESDNER B	259.5	259.5	DAI NIP SC	1090	1060	1060	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
DT BABCOCK	172.0	170.0	DAI NIP TO	684	685	685	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
FAZ INDEX	491.60	489.55	DAUTEL	688	676	676	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
FELDMEIER	271.0	271.0	DAUTEL	170	178	178	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
GOLDSCHMID	308.00	309.00	DAUTEL	2400	2400	2400	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
HARPER	430.0	429.0	DAUTEL	3000	3000	3000	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
HOECHST AG	277.5	278.0	DAUTEL	170	178	178	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
HOSCH	144.5	143.0	DAUTEL	2400	2400	2400	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
HORTEN	190.0	188.0	DAUTEL	3000	3000	3000	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
HUSSEL HLD	428.0	429.0	DAUTEL	170	178	178	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
KALI SALZ	160.0	159.0	DAUTEL	2400	2400	2400	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
KARSTADT	441.0	431.0	DAUTEL	170	178	178	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
KAUFHOF	371.0	370.0	DAUTEL	2400	2400	2400	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
KLOEK H	151.0	151.0	DAUTEL	170	178	178	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
KLOEK W	0	101.00	DAUTEL	2400	2400	2400	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.42
LINDE	685.0	675.0	DAUTEL	170	178	178	YANMAR	186.42	198.88	YANMAR	186.4

Wall Street stocks lose early gains

## US trade figures help dollar to rally

LONDON, July 15. (Reuter): The dollar soared today on news of better-than-expected US trade figures, and the demand for it swamped repeated sales by central banks which intervened to try to tame the hectic rally.

The United States said its May trade deficit was \$10.93 billion. That was up on April's revised \$10.3 billions, but markets had expected a trade gap around \$11.5 billions.

### Good news

Wall Street stocks lost early gains. But in currency markets, the figures were viewed as good news for the US economy and as a signal to buy more dollars.

"The market was looking for an excuse to buy the dollar and it hasn't been persuaded not to," said Warren Oliver, US economist at London brokers Phillips and Drew.

### Holds

A rebound by the dollar from historic lows touched in January, which has accelerated in recent weeks, had already taken it up to around 1.85 Deutsche marks and 1.34 yen.

Traders have attributed the rebound to a US boom and the

way US interest rates have been nudged higher — giving a better return on dollar assets — to dampen a risk of inflation inherent in the boom.

Today's trade figures sent the dollar on up to quoted highs around 1.88 marks and 1.35.35 yen in wild trading.

### Eased

The US Federal Reserve, West Germany's Bundesbank, the Bank of England, Swiss National Bank, and also the central banks of Austria, Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands all sold dollars, mostly for marks, to brake the dollar's rise.

A stronger dollar puts up the price of imports in nations outside the United States, and thus risks higher inflation.

Markets think the Reagan administration is happy to have the dollar ride high as Vice-President George Bush campaigns for November's presidential election.

But too strong a dollar risks making US exports less price-competitive, which could jeopardise further efforts to narrow the still huge trade deficit. The Fed sold dollars several times, dealers said.

The dollar at Europe's close had eased slightly from the day's highs to 1.8755 marks and 135.25 yen, up 2.5 pence and two yen from yesterday. Sterling shed nearly three cents to \$1.6630 as money flew to the dollar.

Today's values compared with 1.72 marks and 125 yen five weeks ago, and with all-time lows of 1.5615 and 120.20 at which, after the "Black Monday" financial crash, it began 1988.

It is up 20 per cent against the mark and 12.5 per cent against the yen since January 4. It is at its highest against the mark since August and against the yen since December.

### Strong

Some economists think it is defying economic realities.

"The dollar is completely blocked off from fundamentals ... how can a serious economist say anything about where it is going?" said Hans-Helmut Kotz, chief economist at Deutsche Girozentrale-Deutsche Komunbank in Frankfurt.

The gold price was set for afternoon in the London bullion market slightly easier at \$439.10 an ounce.

A worldwide glut continued to depress oil prices, although they firmed from yesterday with North Sea crudes quoted around \$14.35 a barrel.

Farm prices remained strong because of the US drought.

Higher commodity prices are among factors fuelling governments' concern about inflation which lay behind today's central bank efforts to stop the dollar rising too high.

Such leading world stock markets as Tokyo and Frankfurt were closed before the United States announced the May trade figures.

Early rallies in both New York and London failed to find buyers, and Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average at mid-day in New York was down 4.80 at 2,108.82.

### No reason

The Tokyo financial markets were quiet as dealers awaited the release of key US trade data later in the day. The US dollar was up slightly while Tokyo stocks fell.

Dealers were divided in their predictions for the US trade deficit in May. Some saw it

widening from April's unexpectedly small deficit, while others believed it would shrink even further.

"People see no reason to be buying in advance of the trade figures," said one Tokyo stock broker. "There is little buying incentive due to pre-trade figure jitters."

The Nikkei stock index fell 170.29 points, or 0.61 per cent, to end at 27,913.79. The US dollar ended in Tokyo at 133.40 yen and 1.8498/02 West German marks against 133.35 yen and 1.8530/35 marks in New York.

Gold was trading at around \$438.40 an ounce by late afternoon in Tokyo, down from New York's yesterday's close of 438.75.

### Setting up

In other regional share markets, Australian stocks rose for the first time in three days, although Sydney brokers said trading was fairly lacklustre. The main index rose 6.3 points to 1,622.5.

"I think our market is setting up a good base for further rises," one broker said.

Hong Kong's share market, meanwhile, fell.

## New Indian finance minister hints at slowdown of economic liberalisation

NEW DELHI, July 15. (Reuter): India's new finance minister indicated today he wanted to slow down the government's policy of economic liberalisation.

Politicians said Rajiv shifted him from Maharashtra to Delhi to give his economic policies a populist image before general elections, due at the end of 1989.

Chavan admitted that general elections and last year's drought were factors in the government's review of its policy of gradually removing economic controls.

### Blamed

Economists have blamed these restrictions for discouraging the growth of exports and foreign investment in India.

He said another factor was a crisis in foreign exchange reserves which by June 17 had fallen to Rs 61.7 billion (\$4.41 billion), the lowest in more than two years.

"But good monsoon rains this year have given us high expectations of a favourable kharif (winter) crop. With this we can recoup our losses of last year," Chavan said.

Chavan, who came to the Finance Ministry from west India's Maharashtra state where he was chief minister, said he was against a relaxation of controls in consumer sectors begun by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi when he took office in 1984.

Chavan, apparently referring to the television parts, said he was particularly against concessions on luxury goods.

"The import of luxury goods is not warranted," said Chavan, whose appointment caused anxiety in Bombay, India's financial capital, because of his reputation as a conservative socialist.

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## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

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TOKYO: Prices closed down after a day of wide fluctuations as investors initially tried to shrug off concerns ahead of the release of US May trade figures. The Nikkei index fell 170.29 to 27,913.79.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed off the day's lows because of short-covering by institutional investors ahead of the May trade figures. The Hang Seng index fell 12.26 to 2,740.70.

SINGAPORE: Stocks closed higher across the board on continued speculative buying and bargain-hunting in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 12.54 to 1,130.96.

BOMBAY: Shares closed mixed in poor trading hit by end-of-account considerations, with state-owned financial institutions the only buyers. Associated Cement dropped Rs 4.5 to Rs 218 and Tata Steel 7.5 to Rs 770.

FRANKFURT: Prices ended a quiet course with modest net gains. The Dax 30-share index rose 4.19 to 1,191.40.

ZURICH: Prices closed little changed in fairly quiet trading, with most investors staying on the sidelines before the US trade data. The Swiss index rose 0.9 to 887.

PARIS: Prices started the floor session firmer in very thin trading, with many operators taking a long weekend after the Bastille Day holiday.

LONDON: Share prices were mostly easier in late trading but above the lows earlier in the session, as buying for the new account boosted sentiment. At 1430 GMT, the FTSE 100 was down 6.2 at 1,857.1.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks turned slightly lower in mid-morning amid weak bond prices and despite a strong dollar. The market had opened firmer on a slightly smaller than expected May trade deficit. The Dow was down four at 2,110.

## Fed seeks a low profile as election draws near

WASHINGTON, July 15. (Reuter): A cautious approach to interest rates should keep the Federal Reserve above November's political fray, but at the risk of stirring up inflation problems for later, economists say.

Testifying to Congress on Wednesday about the outlook for the economy and monetary policy, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said the risk of rising inflation was great enough to warrant erring on the side of restrictive rather than of stimulus.

### Induced

But he emphasised that higher interest rates were by no means inevitable, because the slight increase the Fed had already induced should be enough to keep inflation under control.

"It doesn't necessarily follow that they will continue to do so," Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee in response to a question on whether interest rates were likely to continue to increase.

The Fed, which cherishes its independence from the administration, generally tries in an elec-

tion year to avoid dramatic changes in interest rates that could be construed as tipping the political balance.

Now that he has laid out his policy for the next six months, Greenspan would like nothing better than to hide in the closet until November's presidential election is over, said Harold Nathan, an economist with Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco.

The Fed chairman also dampened speculation that a rise in the psychologically important discount rate, the fee the Fed charges banks for overnight loans, might be in the offing.

### Groundwork

"Greenspan has laid the groundwork for only a very gradual tightening of credit," Nathan said. "I don't think there's any chance of a discount rate increase before November."

Although the entire Fed board was picked by the Reagan administration, White House chief economist Beryl Sprinkel criticised the Fed earlier this year for keeping interest rates too

high in 1987 and thereby, he said, contributing to October's stock market crash.

On Wednesday, both Republican and Democratic senators voiced hope Greenspan would not tighten credit so severely that the economy turned into recession.

Dana Johnson of First Chicago Corp agreed. "The message from Greenspan is that if the economy doesn't slow down on its own, he'll make sure it does by raising interest rates," he said.

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Bubbles up

Keeping a lid on inflation if it bubbles up is a desirable goal, but for the moment most firms have enough spare capacity and so are not about to raise prices, he said.

Moreover, labour productivity is improving and investment spending on new plant is strong, he said. "I think we can get faster growth without triggering inflation than the folks at the Fed do," Rahn said.

But many Wall Street econ-

omists remain sceptical the economy will slow considerably of its own accord.

"I don't believe it for a minute," said Joe Liro of SG Warburg Securities Inc. who listened to Greenspan's testimony. "To get that rate of growth, the Fed's got to tighten policy."

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But the 31 per cent won by Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, who campaigned on a nationalistic platform, has sent a strong message to ruling party leadership that the plan does not have the

country's full support.

Several planks in the plan hasirked the powerful unions, including wage and price freezes and the proposed privatisation of state companies, including the telecommunications company that has lowered inflation from 15.5 per cent in January to two per cent last month.

## Coffee beans in short supply

### Consumers demand aromatic blend

LONDON, July 15. (Reuter): Around the world, coffee drinkers' tastes are changing.

Instead of the bland or bitter beans they favoured in the past, more and more consumers are demanding aromatic blends. But while there is a worldwide coffee glut, the beans needed for those aromatic blends are in short supply.

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"Mine is a balancing act between businessmen and the needs of the poorer sections of society," he said.

But renegotiating quotas will be difficult.

"For debt-laden coffee producers giving up some of their quota is like giving away foreign exchange," said one London dealer.

"Coffee is brewed so weak in the US most people have forgotten what it really tastes like, but some consumers are rediscovering it," said one London dealer.

Brazil, the Third World's biggest debtor, is also the world's largest coffee producer. And it has strenuously resisted any attempt to cut its coffee quota.

The problem, processors say, is the export quota system of the International Coffee Organisation (ICO), a group of 50 coffee producing countries and 24 consumer nations which seek to stabilise prices.

"Producers' export quotas haven't changed much since the agreement was found over 20 years ago, but consumer tastes have," a London coffee dealer said.

"There is no doubt at all we cannot supply what consumers demand because of the present

taken bitterly by the CTM, a pillar of both the PRI and the economic pact.

Velasquez has called an extraordinary CTM council meeting for August 29, which is expected to discuss the elections and union strategy in the Salinas government.

Depending on a final allocation of 200 seats by proportional representation in an expanded 500-seat chamber due in the next few days, the PRI could come close to losing its majority. In the 64-member Senate, it has lost four seats to the opposition.

Salinas has promised to privatise Telmex, the state telecommunications company, but the union is resisting and the new president may have difficulty pursuing this and other state company sales when he takes over in December.

Salinas assured Mexican oil workers earlier this week that the 50-year-old state oil company Pemex would remain firmly under state ownership.

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Depending on a final allocation of 200 seats by proportional representation in an expanded 500-seat chamber due in the next few days, the PRI could come close to losing its majority. In the 64-member Senate, it has lost four seats to the opposition.

Cardenas' strong showing prompted some speculation he will force Salinas into a harder line on Mexico's \$100-billion debt and stricter controls on foreign investment, but this will depend on his ability to mould a coherent opposition party.

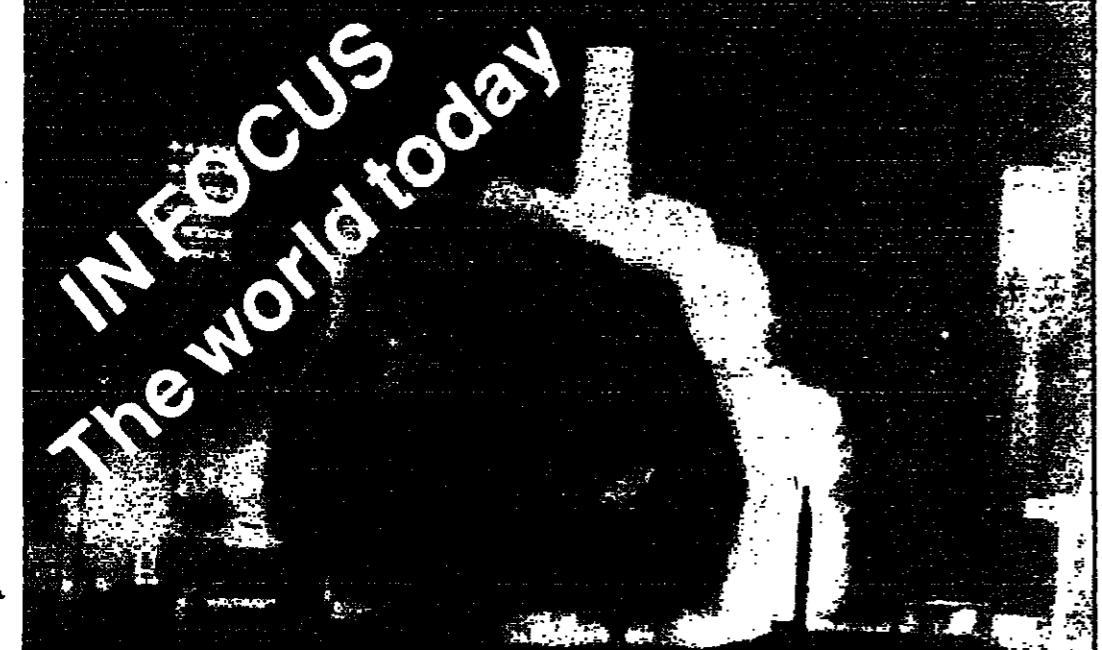
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# INFOCUS

## The world today



THE space probe Phobos-2 blasted off from Baikonur space centre in the Soviet Union as part of an unmanned mission to Mars which could lead to astronauts visiting the planet by the early part of the 21st century. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PALESTINIAN hijack suspect, Mohammad Rashid, was sentenced to seven months in jail by an Athens court. He is wanted by the US for a bomb attack on a Pan American airlines plane in 1982. (Reuter wirephoto)



SWEDISH film director Ingmar Bergman (right) wears a flower-hat during celebrations for his 70th birthday on the Baltic island of Fero on Thursday. To his right is his wife Ingrid. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Duke and Duchess of Kent are presented to the Turkish President Kenan Evren before a dinner at Claridges Hotel, London. (Reuter wirephoto).



POPE JOHN PAUL II walks on a bridge over a mountain stream in Lorenzago di Cadore in Italy. (Reuter wirephoto)



STRICKEN families wade through water to move to a safer place after floods inundated their homes in eastern Bangladesh. (Reuter wirephoto)



MICHAEL JACKSON struts on stage during the first number of his first British appearance of his current tour. (Reuter wirephoto)



A BROWN bear, just like the Berlin's mascot, enjoys warm sunshine by splashing enthusiastically in his pool at the West Berlin Zoo. (Reuter wirephoto)



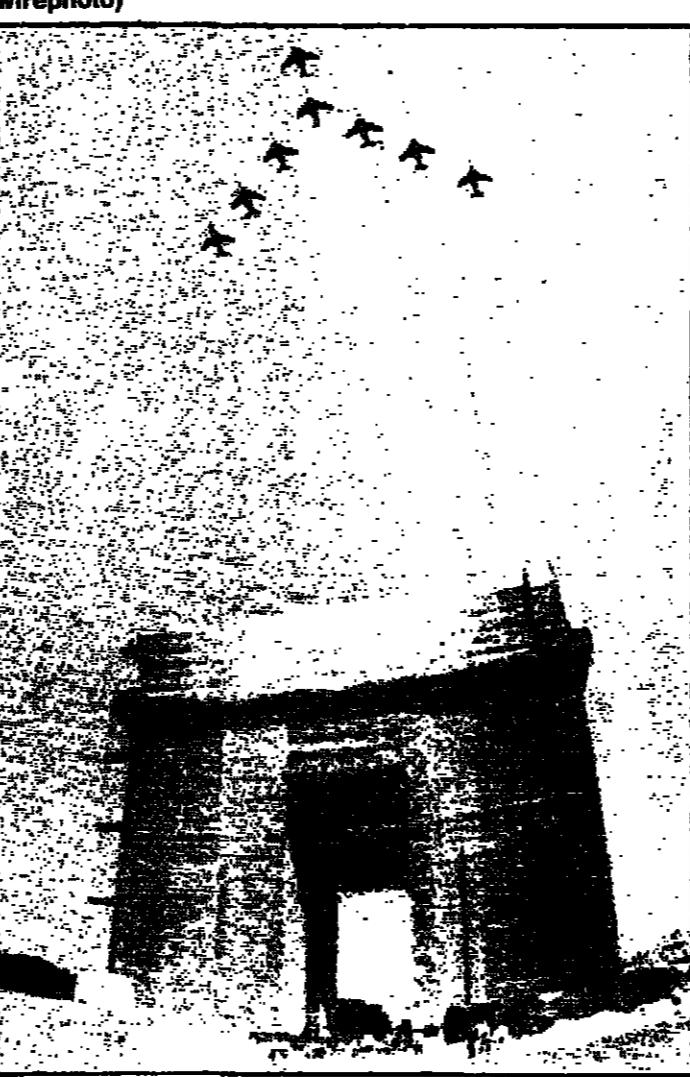
ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Chris Marshall of Panorama City, California, is embraced by his mother after he touched down at Paris' Le Bourget Airport after completing a trans-Atlantic flight retracing the Lindbergh route. (Reuter wirephoto)



MEMBERS of the public watch Kathy Brundier (top right) with a Port Jackson shark in the world's biggest aquarium, from an ocean-floorview of sea life under a transparent tunnel. (Reuter wirephoto)



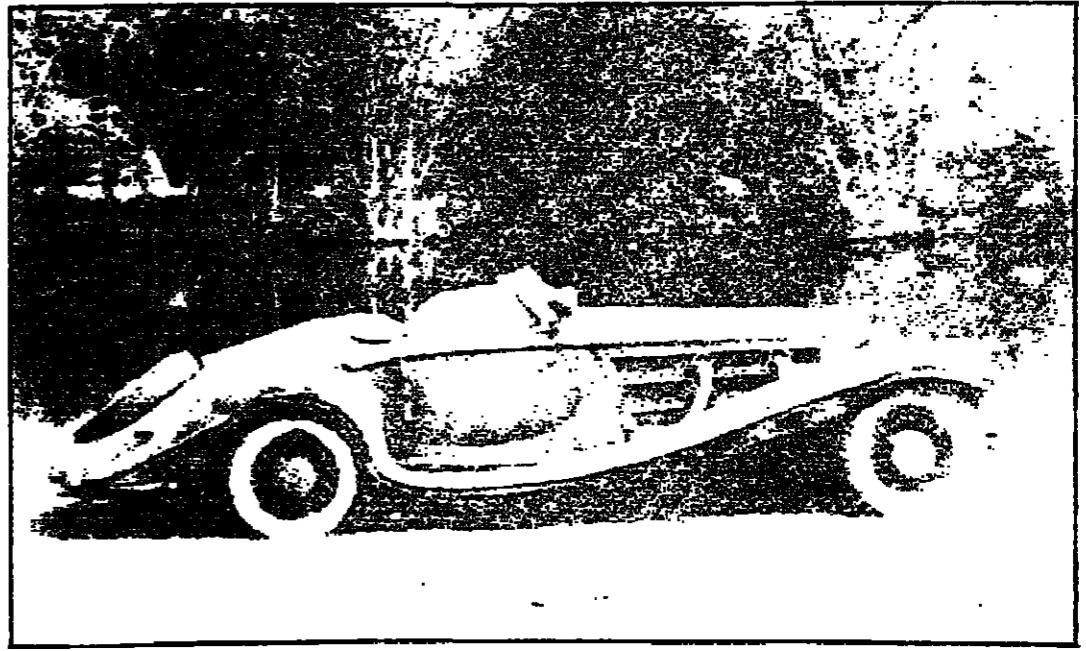
MARLON WHITEAGLE, 14, does a rain dance at the Water Tower as a group of Winnebago Indian ceremonial dancers from Wisconsin Dells entertain passers-by. (Reuter wirephoto)



JETS trailing red, white and blue smoke, streak Paris' Arc de Triomphe during the annual Bastille Day military parade. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENT REAGAN (left), looks over some drought-stunted corn while on tour of a sprawling 2,500 acre farm in Illinois. (Reuter wirephoto)



A 1936 Mercedes-Benz that had stood in a garage in Beaulieu, England, for 30 years was sold for a staggering £1.6 million (\$2.7 million) at a Christie's auction. (Reuter wirephoto)

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**SPORTS**

Gardner aims for third straight win

RJEEKA, Yugoslavia, July 15. (Reuter) World 500cc motorcycle champion Wayne Gardner needs a third successive Grand Prix win on Sunday if he is to continue his challenge to American rival Eddie Lawson.

"Although I'm still 34 points behind Eddie Lawson in the championship I aim to push him all the way by winning the remaining Grands Prix," the Australian Honda rider said.

Gardner, 28, won the Yugoslav Grand Prix on the Grobnik track near here last season but he will also carry the memory of two crashes into this year's race.

"I won the race at Rijeka last year but have also crashed here on my last two appearances," Gardner said. "The track requires a great deal of rider technique. This time I will be more relaxed and I'm confident of making it three wins in a row."

After a low-key start to the season, Gardner, victorious seven times last year, had his first race win only three weeks ago in the Netherlands.

Pulled

He demonstrated his form again by winning in Belgium a week later but by that time Lawson, world champion in 1984 and 1986, had puffed well ahead in the standings thanks to four wins and five other top-four finishes.

Lawson leads Gardner by 159 points to 125 with seven races to go, and needs only to maintain his steady course to clinch his third world title.

The 30 cc class, Spaniard Jorge Martinez who has won four of the five races so far, could secure the title on Sunday. Martinez also leads the 125 cc standings and hopes to become double world champion.

The fight for the 250cc title is still wide open with Spaniard Alfonso Sito Pons leading his compatriot Juan Garriga by just one point.

**RUGBY**

Flyhalf Lynch pulls out of second Test

BRISBANE, July 15. (Reuter) Australian coach Bob Dwyer's radical plan to punch holes in the New Zealand backline was wrecked today when flyhalf Michael Lynch pulled out of tomorrow's second rugby union Test with a pulled thigh muscle.

Fullback Andrew Leeds, surprisingly dropped after his brave performance in the 32-7 first Test defeat, returns to the side to take over Lynch's goalkicking duties, pushing David Campese back to his usual position on the left wing.

The rest of the three-quarter line all move in one position with James Grant partnering Michael Cook in the centre and Lloyd Walker, the 28-year-old Aborigine making his Test debut, taking over at flyhalf.

Missed

Michael Jones passed a late fitness test and will team up with Alan Whetton at flank forward for the All Blacks. Jones missed the first Test because of his religious beliefs prevent him playing on a Sunday.

Tim Gavin takes over from flu-stricken Julian Gardner at number eight in an Australian pack which should be quicker to the breakdown thanks to the inclusion of terrier wing forward Jeff Miller.

**GATTING OPTS OUT OF HEADINGLEY MATCH****Cowdrey to lead England in Tests**

the year.

Cowdrey's Test experience is limited to five matches in the 1984-85 series in India, scoring 96 runs at an average of 19.20 and taking four wickets at an average of 72, but England feel it is his leadership qualities that can serve them best in their current crisis.

The Kent skipper has guided his moderate county side to the top of the championship table with seven wins in his last eight games, though Viv Richards' buoyant West Indians will confront him with the harsher realities of cricket life.

Cowdrey has tackled the Kent captaincy with drive and enthusiasm since being appointed in 1983, while he has bowled his medium-pacers usefully, batted resolutely and been an inspirational fieldsman.

His father captained England 27 times during his 114 Test appearances, but Colin and Chris Cowdrey are not the first father and son to lead England — Freddie Mann (against South Africa 1922) and George Mann (against South Africa 1948 and New Zealand 1949) were similar father-son captains.

Cowdrey will meet the rest of the selectors tomorrow to choose the team for the Leeds Test, for which there may be several other changes after the resounding defeat at Lord's and Old Trafford.

Gatting was sacked after the first Test for "behaving irresponsibly" off the field, while off-spinner Emburey led the side in the second and third Tests which West Indies won to lead 2-0 in the series.

May and his fellow selectors

have left their options open by not naming Cowdrey for England's only Test against Sri Lanka, at Lord's at the end of the season. That is the time they will be considering who should lead the touring team to India later in this summer."

Gatting has already ruled himself out because, for the second time in the series, he does not feel "in the right frame of mind," for Test cricket. He opted out of the



Chris Cowdrey

ironically the second captain to be sacked was Cowdrey's father Colin — and one of the men to show him the door was May, then in his first term as a selector.

Cowdrey junior said: "Twenty years ago, Peter used to give me 10 shillings and pound notes as presents. Now he has given me the greatest present of all."

"My father has not been too well lately and my appointment will come as a big boost to him. If he wants to give me advice I will be taking all he can offer."

Cowdrey is seen as the type of inspirational leader to end a dismal England run of 16 Tests without a victory.

He said: "There is certainly no crisis and I see no reason why we cannot square the series."

"This is the best time to come into the team, especially at Headingley, where there is always a chance of getting a result."

"But obviously England will have to play to the best of their ability and that is all a captain can ask for. Most of the media have written off, but we will be giving it a go."

"I have been fortunate to be in the right place at the right time with Kent doing so well. It has obviously helped. I'm delighted to be given two Tests, but I know I am on trial."

"I believe I'm a better player than when I played in five Tests on the Indian tour in 1984/85. My confidence has increased since I became the Kent captain. But whatever I do is secondary to how well the team does."

Cowdrey will take over the

problem number six spot, which has become almost impossible to fill adequately since Ian Botham dropped out of the side.

He could not match up to the task when he toured India as Botham's replacement, making a top score of 38 and taking just four wickets in the five-match series.

The selectors were criticised for taking so long to name a successor to Emburey, who took over from Gatting after the drawn first Test and suffered heavy defeats in the second and third Tests.

The delay, according to a number of reports, was because the selectors were sounding out Gooch. But England manager Micky Stewart insisted the job was never offered to Gooch.

**Intention**

Stewart said: "I don't know what all the fuss was about, everything went to plan. We had no intention of naming the captain any earlier. We had only one meeting which lasted two hours and a brief, informal one at the weekend."

"Cowdrey, we feel, is the right person to have at this time. He will take over the all-rounder's role, a job linked to the captaincy. Chris is averaging 40 with the bat, has taken 31 championship wickets and is an excellent all-round fielder."

But the selectors have left their options open for the solitary Test against Sri Lanka at the end of August by which time they will have had the opportunity to assess Cowdrey's potential as a long-term England captain.



## Lamb slams fastest century of season

LONDON, July 15. (Reuter) England batsman Allan Lamb hit the fastest century of the English county cricket season yesterday when he slammed 100 off only 86 balls for Northamptonshire against Gloucestershire.

Lamb's 117 on the second day of the three-day match included 20 boundaries after he reached his half-century in 65 minutes with 11 fours.

**Struck**

He received magnificent support from former England opener Wayne Larkins who struck 134, his first century of the season, as Northamptonshire took their first innings to 347 for five when bad light stopped play. No play was possible on Wednesday.

Australian captain Allan Border hit an unbeaten 85 and England opener Graham Gooch struck an aggressive 53 as Essex reached 300 for five in their first innings against Derbyshire.

Gooch then declared Essex's innings closed 36 behind Derbyshire and at the close the visitors were 55 for three in their second innings.

Earlier paceman Neil Foster polished off the Derbyshire first innings to finish with six for 96 and press his claims for an England recall in the fourth Test against West Indies starting on Thursday.

David Gower, seeking to retain his Test place, hit a flaw-

## Montreal edge past Cincinnati

NEW YORK, July 15. (AP) The Montreal Expos are so hot they won't let anyone stop them.

was the winner, and has three victories in the Expos' eight-game streak.

**Dodgers 1, Cubs 0**

**Dodgers 6, Cubs 3**

Tim Leary pitched seven scoreless innings in the opener and Kirk Gibson had his first two-homer game in the National League in the second game as Los Angeles swept a doubleheader at Chicago. The first-place Dodgers increased their lead in the NL West to four games.

**Pirates 9, Giants 2**

Brian Fisher pitched 3 1/3 shutout innings in relief of the injured John Smiley and Darnell Coles and Andy van Slyke drove in four runs each as Pittsburgh won a season-high sixth straight game.

**Astros 7, Phillies 5**

Rafael Ramirez lined a one-out single in the top of the ninth inning to score Billy Hatcher as Houston won its fourth straight game. Juan Agosto, 7-0, worked

two innings. Dave Smith worked the ninth to earn his 15th save.

**Mets 9, Braves 8**

Kevin McReynolds drove in four runs with five hits and Darryl Strawberry scored the winning run on Atlanta left fielder Ken Griffey's fielding error in the top of the 11th as New York snapped a three-game losing streak. Terry Leach, 3-1, the fourth of five Mets pitchers, worked one scoreless inning. Randy Myers pitched the 11th for his 14th save.

**Standings**

**National League East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dodgers	52	34	.605	—
Braves	50	36	.533	2
Giants	45	43	.511	8
Pirates	43	42	.506	8 1/2
Phillies	43	44	.496	10 1/2
Braves	29	60	.336	24 1/2

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	54	30	.614	—
Minnesota	48	39	.552	5
Kansas City	46	41	.529	7
California	42	46	.477	11 1/2
Chicago	41	47	.466	12 1/2
Texas	40	47	.466	18 1/2
Seattle	35	53	.398	18 1/2

**Yesterday's games:**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	50	37	.575	3 1/2
San Francisco	46	40	.535	4
Houston	45	43	.511	6
Cincinnati	42	46	.477	9

## Irish team out of Olympics

DUBLIN, July 15. (Reuter) Ireland, hit by fund-raising problems and the sale of a star horse, has decided not to send a show jumping team to the Seoul Olympics.

Kenya had a 1-2-3 triumph in the 800-metres. Nixon Kiprotich sprinted past Paul Ereng, who enjoyed a brief 200-metre lead, to win in 45.61 seconds. Stephen Marai was two metres behind in third place.

Joseph Cheshire hung back in the mile, but surged past fellow Kenyan Wilfred Kirochi on the last lap to win in three minutes 58.18 seconds.

Only 10 per cent of the funds had been raised for sending a five-man team, which would have included leading international riders like Eddie Macken and Gerry Mullins.

The decision by the Irish Show Jumping Association angered rider Paul Darragh who told reporters: "I've put two horses at the disposal of the selectors for the whole of the season and then I get kicked in the teeth."

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We're praying for a miracle," said Bob Kerse, Foster's adviser.

Outstanding performances also are likely from triple jumper Mike Conley and Mary Decker Slaney, the 1983 world champion at 1,500m and 3,000m, who is attempting a comeback after two years of injuries and most likely will compete in both events at the trials.

**Potential**

While the "cut-throat" philosophy of the trials eliminates the politics of pre-selecting an Olympics team, as many countries do, it also sidelines potential Games medalists.

Lewis, like other top-rated American athletes, must finish among the top three in events at the trials to qualify for the US team to travel to Seoul. There are no exceptions.

While the odds favour Lewis, Moses, the world record holder, Danny Harris, the only man to defeat Moses in 10 years, Kevin Young, the year's fastest at the distance, and impressive Andre Phillips. Ali four could run the event in less than 48 seconds, but only three will qualify for Seoul.

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WORLD CHAMPIONS FAIL TO REACH GOLD CUP FINAL

# Australia crush Argentina

SYDNEY, July 15. (Reuters): Australia scored the most stunning victory in their history yesterday when they trounced world champions Argentina 4-1 to reach the final of the bicentennial Gold Cup tournament.

Captain Charlie Yankos sealed the Socceroos' victory with two goals, the first a curling 35-metre free kick to put Australia 2-1 ahead and the second a penalty in the 68th minute which brought a violent reaction from the Argentines.

Australian coach Frank Arok called the result the most important moment in the last decade for Australian soccer. "We never thought in our wildest dreams we'd score four against Argentina. Throughout the week we talked of scoring one, nothing more, and then we'd defend and defend," he said.

**Notice**  
"I'm not saying we're world beaters but we've made the world take notice. World champions don't give away four goals too often."

Australia will play Brazil in Sunday's final in Sydney. Argentina will play for third place against Saudi Arabia tomorrow in Canberra.

Australia started in perfect fashion with a goal in the fourth minute from midfielder Paul Wade after the Argentine defence failed to clear a series of incursions into their penalty



Bilardo: disappointed

area. Argentine captain Oscar Ruggeri levelled the scores in the 31st minute as the more experienced South Americans began to take control of midfield.

But Yankos put courage back into his side from a free kick in front of goal but a long way out. As the Argentine wall dithered, Yankos whacked the kick past surprised Argentine goalkeeper Luis Islas.

Argentina, fielding only two players who were in the 1986 World Cup winning side, continued to show nice ball skills but little invention in front of goal and Australia kept up the pressure in the second half by taking the direct route to goal, while

using the flanks to good advantage.

The match moved out of Argentina's reach when Australian forward Frank Farina, breaking free in the area, was pulled down by defender Oscar Garre.

The Argentine players were incensed but Yankos calmly converted the spot kick to put Australia 3-1 ahead.

The game threatened to turn ugly for five minutes with Sergio Batista and Ruggeri showing the mean side of Argentine soccer. At one stage police moved on to the pitch as a melee on the touchline looked like getting out of control.

In the space of five minutes referee Gary Power booked both Batista, Ruggeri and Nestor Lorenzo.

The fourth goal, the best of the night, came with 10 minutes left when a move the length of the pitch saw Wade cross high and hard into the area for Vlado Bozinovski to head home on his international debut.

**Teams:**  
Australia — Jeff Olver, Wally Savor, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Graeme Jennings, Alan Davidson, Vlado Bozinovski, Paul Wade, Frank Farina, Scott Ollershaw, Graham Arnold.

Argentina — Luis Alberto, Islas Oscar, Ruggeri, Nestor Lorenzo, Sergio Batista (Pedro Monzon 86th min.), Jose Luis

Rodriguez, Hernan Diaz, Oscar Garre, Mario Lucca, Claudio Cabrera (Oscar Derycia 62nd min.), Diego Simeone, Toribio Aquino.

## Standings

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points
Brazil	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Australia	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Argentina	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Saudi Arabia	3	0	1	2	3	9	1

Remaining matches: July 16 third-place playoff — Argentina v Saudi Arabia in Canberra, July 17 final — Australia v Brazil in Sydney.

Argentina's World Cup winning coach Carlos Bilardo said he was very disappointed in the performance of his team. Brazil's coach Carlos Alberto Silva who watched the game said he was very impressed by Australia's display and that it was one of a very high calibre.

Argentine newspapers said Australia ridiculed the world champions with their 4-1 victory. "Catastrophic defeat," read a banner headline in the Buenos Aires evening newspaper La Razon on the match played at dawn, Argentine time.

"Australia ridiculed the Argentine national team," La Razon said.

"They made us jump like kangaroos," said Cronica, another Buenos Aires evening paper, after Argentina's shock defeat.



Kuwait's Hussein Zaid Al Makimly (2nd left) kicks the ball away from Syrian opponents. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Chelsea set to appeal over 'harsh' punishment

LONDON, July 15. (Reuters): Chelsea look set to appeal against what their chairman Ken Bates called the "very harsh" punishment handed out by the English Football Association (FA) for crowd trouble at the London club's ground last May.

An FA disciplinary commission on Wednesday found Chelsea guilty of failing to take adequate precautions to control their fans at a play-off match against Middlesbrough. There were 102 arrests and injuries to 25 policemen.

Chelsea lost the game, were relegated, and Middlesbrough took their place in the First Division.

Apart from a £75,000 (\$126,750) fine, the heaviest imposed by FA, Chelsea were ordered to close the stand areas at their Stamford Bridge ground for the first six League and Cup matches next season.

During those six games access to the seating areas will be by ticket only — but none will be on sale on match days. No tickets will be available to visiting clubs.

## Consider

The FA have also recommended that Chelsea forge closer links with the police and local authorities.

Bates said: "We will consider the verdict and then decide on our next course of action. I will only say that I consider it a very harsh penalty and leave the public to judge what they think of it."

Chelsea's punishment underlines the mood of resolve in both English soccer and government circles to stamp out hooliganism at soccer matches.

Meanwhile free-spending Glasgow Rangers manager Graeme Souness has taken his outlay in two years to £7 million (\$11.8 million) with the signing of defender Gary Stevens from Everton.

Stevens signed for the Scottish Premier Division club for £1 million (\$1.68 million) last night.

In his two years as manager, Souness has negotiated more than 30 transfer deals, bringing in top players such as present and past England internationals Terry Butcher, Chris Woods, Trevor Francis and Ray Wilkins.

## Late goal gives Syria victory over Kuwait

AMMAN, Jordan, July 15. (AP): Syria defeated Kuwait 1-0 yesterday in the 5th Arab Soccer Trophy Championship.

Syrian striker Abdul Qader Kurdaghi scored after 84 minutes with a header from a corner pass by George Khoury.

Syria tied with Algeria 1-1 last Friday and defeated Bahrain 2-1 on Tuesday.

That day Kuwait lost to Algeria 1-0 but beat Jordan 1-0 on Sunday.

In an earlier game yesterday, Jordan beat Algeria 2-1.

Jordanian striker Nari Yadej scored after 63 minutes with a kick from a few yards from the net.

Algeria equalized with a goal by Laqrood Rashid after 73 minutes but less than a minute later Jordan scored again.

More than 15,000 jubilant fans waving Jordanian flags and chanting "Jordan is the greatest"

rushed out of Al Hussein sports city stadium after the match to celebrate the Jordanian victory.

"It's the greatest game I've ever watched," said one fan, 19-year-old Ibrahim Issa. "I'm very proud of our national team."

Later, several hundred fans drove around in vehicles, sounding their horns and chanting "Jordan is a winner. God is great."

Police cars followed to ensure there was no violence.

On Wednesday, Lebanon defeated Saudi Arabia 1-0.

Lebanese striker Ahmed Farhat scored after 80 minutes with a header passed by Issam Qubisi.

Today Iraq beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 (halftime 2-0) in their Group One match. Ahmed Radi scored both the goals in the first half.

The first in the 9th minute and second in the 23rd.

## Delgado retains lead in Tour de France race

VILLARD-DE-LANS, France, July 15. (Reuters): Pedro Delgado of Spain won the 13th stage of the Tour de France cycle race, a 38 km individual time trial from Grenoble to Villard-de-Lans, today in a time of one hour two minutes 24 seconds.

Jean-Francois Bernard of France was second and Steven Rooks of the Netherlands was third.

Delgado retained the race leader's yellow jersey.

Delgado took the leader's yellow jersey yesterday as race favourites fell by the wayside in an intensely punishing mountain stage, won by Steven Rooks of the Netherlands.

Yesterday's 227-km 12th stage from Morzine to L'Alpe d'Huez in the French Alps featured three exhausting climbs of more than 1,800 metres which shattered the hopes of almost all the fancied riders.

Sean Kelly of Ireland, Eric Breukink of the Netherlands, Uri Zimmermann of Switzerland and American Andy Hampsten, the Giro d'Italia winner, were all left to reflect that they can no longer entertain realistic hopes of becoming Tour de

France champion 1988 as each lost several minutes on Delgado.

Worse still for the public, who packed the route on the July 14 national holiday, all the French hopefuls — Jean-Francois Bernard, Charly Mottet and Ronan Pensec — suffered a similar fate.

Despite Rooks' brilliant and surprising victory, they belonged to Delgado, whose strength and cunning in the mountains have put him in a perfect position to claim the trophy in 10 days time.

He finished third behind another Dutchman Gert-Jan Theunissen, both 17 seconds after Rooks who clocked six hours 55 minutes 44 seconds.

Delgado, second to Stephen Roche of Ireland in last year's tour, took over the yellow jersey from Steve Bauer.

The 1983 and 1984 champion Laurent Fignon of France, who dropped to 91st on Wednesday after a disastrous ride, abandoned the unequal struggle by declining to start yesterday.

This time it wasn't my body which went, it was my head," he explained.

Kelly was depressed after his disastrous performance.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Grand prix

STUTTGART, West Germany, July 15. (Reuters): Quarterfinal results at the \$350,000 Stuttgart men's grand prix tennis tournament today:

Andre Agassi (US) beat Jonas Svensson (Sweden) 7-5, 6-1; Henri Leconte (France) beat Ronald Agius (Malta) 6-3, 6-4; Guillermo Perez-Roldan (Argentina) beat Thomas Muster (Austria) 6-7, 6-3; Andres Gomez (Ecuador) beat Yannick Noah (France) 6-3, 6-3.

### Boxers disqualified

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, July 15. (AP): Three candidates for the US Olympic boxing team were disqualified yesterday for testing positive for drugs. The boxers, medically disqualified from the Olympic box-offs to be held tomorrow at Caesars Palace were Eric Griffin, 106 pounds, of Houston, Lavelle Finger, 139, of St Louis, and William Guthrie, 165, of St Louis.

### Cricket match

SWANSEA, Wales, July 15. (Reuters): Glamorgan and the West Indies drew their three-day cricket match here today. Scores: West Indies 302 for three declared and 67 for one. Glamorgan 180 for five declared.

### Soccer friendly

SANTANDER, Spain, July 15. (UPI): Spanish League soccer champions Real Madrid will host Everton of England next month in a friendly match to inaugurate a new stadium in the northern city of Santander.

### Seb Coe

LONDON, July 15. (UPI): Double Olympic 1,500 metres champion Seb Coe plans to be back in action next week after resting the muscle injury which forced him to drop out during Tuesday night's 1,500 metre race in Dublin.

### Rudi Voeller

ROME, July 15. (UPI): Summer rain and cold in his native West Germany have driven soccer international Rudi Voeller back to Rome early for pre-season training.

### Brazilian player

NEWCASTLE, England, July 15. (UPI): Brazilian soccer international Mirandinha has committed his immediate future to Newcastle United and aims to head the English League scoring standings in the upcoming season.

### Heavyweight fight

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, July 15. (AP): A promoted sail final details are being worked out for a heavyweight fight July 28 between former world champion George Foreman and Tony Fulilangi.

### Olympic champion

rio de Janeiro, July 15. (Reuters): Olympic 800 metres men's champion Joaquin Cruz heads a record largest Brazilian team for this year's Seoul Olympics.

### US outclassed

NEW BRITAIN, Connecticut, July 15. (UPI): Americans received a sobering taste of world class soccer competition Wednesday when the fast-moving Poland team outclassed the less-experienced US Olympic squad 2-0.

### John Mortimore

LISBON, July 15. (Reuters): Former Benfica manager John Mortimore will return to Portugal next season after a year's absence to take over Belenenses, the Lisbon club said yesterday.

### Title fight

MEXICO CITY, July 15. (AP): World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman confirmed yesterday that Mexican champions Julio Cesar Chavez and Jose Luis Ramirez will fight to unify the lightweight crown.

### Olympic Games

SEOUL, South Korea, July 15. (AP): Spectators at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympic Games will get to hear commentaries in eight languages over ultra-small radios, organizers said today.

### Soviet captain

NEW YORK, July 15. (Reuters): Soviet captain Viacheslav Fetisov will be in a New Jersey Devils uniform next season in the considered opinion of the National Hockey League (NHL) club's general manager.

### S. Africa tour

CAPE TOWN, July 15. (Reuters): South African rugby union chief Danie Craven said today he was still confident that strong World XV would visit the country next month but refused to divulge any details about the controversial tour.

## Breakaway League threat ends

MANCHESTER, England, July 15. (UPI): The threat of a breakaway of the top ten clubs in the English League ended Wednesday night, but the wrangling over who will screen soccer on television next season continued with the price going up and up.

The rebel ten, who had been offered a £32 million (\$56 million) deal for exclusive coverage by independent television, met for eight and a half hours at Manchester United's Old Trafford ground and then emerged to announce a new improved package for all 92 clubs.

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League president Philip Carter, who is also chairman of Everton club, one of the breakaway group, said: "We want to make it clear that at no time did we try to operate outside the football

league. We were always interested in what was best for football."

"Obviously we are sad about all the distress that has been caused but I think we will have it all agreed in the next few days."

"We have been selling the game very cheaply in recent years because of the BBC-independent television (the two biggest British TV networks) Cartel but now the monopoly has been broken people are bidding for our services and it's great to see football being of such value to television."

"Everyone we meet now with one or the other companies football seems to be worth very much more than it was six months ago. What we have to decide is what is the best deal for football."

Carter also revealed that ITV Wednesday improved on the BBC-BSB package offer which stood at just over £33 million

## UEFA reduces Michel's